

PKNA community zoom meeting, January 5, 2021, 7:00 pm email:
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Minutes

Attending: Maggie Manzer, Irving Vaughn, Angela Steele, Adam Kaufman, Terese Vekteris, Grace Flisser, Sue Patterson, Georgette Bartell, Zarah Adams, Martha Savery, Pat Albright, Cory Budden, Gabrielle Loperfido, Crystal Horkans, Molly Ray, Alison Weiss, Jason Hermann, Seth Reichgott, Andreana Barefield, Kevin Zuber, Elizabeth Green, Darisha Parker, Sue Gelfillan

1. **Elections:** Maggie, as outgoing Vice Chair of PKNA, , moved that we vote to elect the two in-coming Vice Chairs, Adam Kaufman and Angela Steele, and to confirm the interim Chair, Irving Vaughn, as elected Chair. Irving seconded the move. People could either vote yes or no in the Chat, concerning each of the three individuals, or they could wait to vote by survey monkey, which they could do this very week. Those twelve who voted by chat voted unanimously for all three candidates.

Note: Within the week following the meeting, nine more votes were cast unanimously in favor of all three candidates, bringing us to twenty-one votes for each.

2. **156 W. Schoolhouse Lane/“Boxwood”:** Maggie stated that the Architecture Committee of the Philadelphia Historical Commission will be meeting - likely on January 26, although the date remains to be confirmed - to discuss the nomination of 156 W. Schoolhouse Lane. We will receive a follow-up email with the confirmed date, with the zoom link that we are urged to join, and with additional information if we wish to write a letter to the Historical Commission ourselves - which we are urged to do. PKNA originated the historical nomination, so we are clearly behind it in every sense. Sue Patterson explained a bit about the process we have gone through so far. Maggie will be in a small meeting over the next week or so to learn more. Sue suggested that we send our letters to the Commission sooner rather than later so that there's more time for the members to read and digest them. Sue also suggested that near neighbors - on the 100's W. block of Schoolhouse, sign a petition in favor of historic designation. Georgette wrote in the chat that she'd be willing to take that on.

3. **By-laws:** Maggie announced that the by-laws, which had been revised, were accepted in our recent vote. Thank you to the committee.

4. **Dues:** Maggie announced that dues, which we highly recommend paying, are \$10/individual, \$25/household, and that they help to fund our events, our printing, equipment, and legal fees that we occasionally incur.

5. **Mural Arts:** Grace announced the January 7th zoom meeting with Mural Arts to give feedback about the Wayne Junction mural that's being worked on, and where the mural on Queen and Greene Streets will be discussed.

6. **Open Mike:** There were no further announcements, so people said hello and discussed what they'd like to bring to PKNA.

People who were new or relatively new to the neighborhood or PKNA introduced themselves!

Andreana Barefield, a social worker who lives in Oak Lane, stated that she would be happy to share her resources and guidance with us as the Community Liaison from the District Attorney's office. The office has been holding resources and jobs fairs for teen and adult groups, and would like to collaborate with us. Andreana can be contacted at andreana.barefield@phila.gov, 267-241-5466.

Irving would like to have Andreana connect us with the Police Districts, to bring the community together to make it a safer place and work on problems such as drug dealing and crime. On the whole, we see many possibilities for PKNA to be of service to our neighborhood through working with Adreana and her office. She will share more information with us next month.

Zarah, the Germantown Friends School Community Liaison, announced that she is on the Philadelphia Water Department Germantown Flood Risk Task Force, and they are looking to give a \$20k grant to artist/s around creating messages about flooding. Those interested should contact Haley Stern, the Water Department outreach specialist, at haley.stern@phila.gov. Sue, who is an engineer at the Department, said that she also could provide some information about this opportunity.

Angela thanked Darisha for her help as our State Representative, in getting a new Hansberry Street sign where it was needed at Knox Street. Darisha made clear that she wishes to serve the community in any way that she can. We can reach her at dparker@pahouse.net. Angela is also looking for ideas for a neighbor packet that we could put together to give new neighbors an "in" to the community. Several new neighbors said they'd appreciate that. We could put such information on our website, as well. Sue urged people to google the neighborhood organization Germantown United in order to get on their listserv, since they had a lot of information about what is going on.

Our next community meeting will be on February 2.

Submitted by Grace Flisser