

CHCA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Chestnut Hill Library, 8711 Germantown Avenue

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Liz Bales (VP Social Division), Julie Byrne, George Coates, Dan Compton, Will Detweiler (President), Sam Earle, Lisa Howe, Mark Keintz, Andy Kite, Joyce Lenhardt, Laura Lucas (VP Operations), Larry McEwen (VP Physical Division), Jenny McHugh (Springside Chestnut Hill Academy), Jack McMeekin, Drew Meschter, Arianna Neromiliotis (Teenagers, Inc.), Marilyn Paucker, Remy Pizzichini, Dan Pulka, Tony Reilly (Treasurer), Bob Rossman, Richard Snowden (CH Parking Foundation), Brien Tilley (Immediate Past President), and Jean Wedgwood (Secretary)

Board Members Absent: Jason Bissonette, Bob Boyer, Patricia Cove (CH Historical Society), Mary Lynskey (Jenks Academy), Karl Martin, Christopher Plant (CH Business Association), and Michelle Sage

Attendance: 24 present and 7 absent = 31

Others Present: John Falco (Attorney, Pepper Hamilton), Larry Hochberger (Associate Publisher), Pete Mazzaccaro (Editor), and Ryan Rosenbaum (Executive Director)

President Will Detweiler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., the roll call was conducted, and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes. There was a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from November 19, 2015 (there was no Board meeting in December). The motion was seconded and passed.

Selection of Board Members for the Local. On behalf of this ad-hoc committee (chaired by Brien Tilley, with members George Coates, Sam Earle, and Jean Wedgwood), Brien announced that the following seven people are recommended candidates to serve on the Local's new Board of Directors:

- Joel Barras, labor relations and legal background, new Chestnut Hill resident
- Paul Davies, editor of the Sunday Inquirer, Chestnut Hill resident, also teaches at the University of Delaware
- John Falco, attorney at Pepper Hamilton LLP
- Mark Keintz, CHCA Board member and Chestnut Hill resident

- Dan Meyers, longtime reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, also radio host in Colorado, moved back to Chestnut Hill two years ago
- Richard Snowden, Principal of Bowman Properties and Chestnut Hill resident whose father, Charles Snowden, was editor of a newspaper
- Bob Warner, writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer and Chestnut Hill resident (Jean Hemphill's husband)

The new Board of the Local will begin its work on April 1, 2016. The change of name for the Delaware corporation to Chestnut Hill Local (from CHCA) will be filed by April 1, 2016.

There was a discussion about length of terms for members of this new Board. It was suggested that there be rolling terms, 1-3 years. There was a request that the terms should be specified before the vote to approve is taken. There was also a request that the CHCA Board members meet the candidates before the vote.

There was a motion to approve the slate with the condition that the Nominating Committee would come back with a determination of the length of terms. After discussion that motion was withdrawn. The time and location of a meeting with the candidates will be set up.

Opening of Fresh Market. Will Detweiler announced that the Fresh Market opened on Wednesday, January 27 and it is a welcome addition to food shopping in Chestnut Hill. He also announced that the new bylaws for the 501(c)(3) reorganization will become effective on April 1, 2016.

Election of the 2016 Nominating Committee. Ballots were distributed to elect the members of the 2016 Nominating Committee (to be chaired by Immediate Past President Brien Tilley). It was noted that CHCA Officers are not eligible and that only those present at this meeting can be elected. George Coates, Sam Earle, Mark Keintz, and Bob Rossman were elected.

Fundraising Events. Laura Lucas reported that the Big Night Out held on January 19 attracted 40 people, and the December 5 Holiday House Tour raised \$43,000. She announced upcoming fundraising events: 1) on Friday February 26 at TD Bank, and at Artisans on the Avenue, to benefit the Children's Park, and 2) on Sunday February 28, there will be a "Shop & Share" event organized by the CHBA featuring many of the businesses on the Avenue. 10% of the sales at the participating stores will be donated to the Fund Drive.

Another CHCA blood drive will take place on a Saturday in April; location to be determined.

Executive Director Report. Ryan Rosenbaum distributed copies of a financial report as of 12/31/15. He will give a report about the focus groups at the February Board meeting. New office hours for the CHCA, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., will begin on March 1.

A "New Residents Box" of Chestnut Hill information and store coupons was displayed by Membership Chair Andy Kite. The goal is to give out approximately 500 boxes per year to realtors and new Chestnut Hill residents.

Status of 8419 Germantown Avenue Building. A report was made on the status of the Chestnut Hill Community Centre building at 8419. The new 501(c)(3) status has tax implications and ownership implications. The Community Fund will appoint a new Board of Directors for the Centre and set up a building operations committee. A fundraiser is needed to repair and renovate the building, which is designated as historically significant.

New Business.

Bob Rossman raised a question about large houses in Chestnut Hill that may have uses other than residential. Larry McEwen said that there is a map of all CH properties showing zoning of each. He is working with the Historical Society and the Philadelphia zoning department. Richard Snowden said the problem is developers wanting to tear down rather than repurpose. Larry announced that there will be presentations about the proposed construction at 2 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue and the re-do of East Bells Mill Road at the next DRC meeting on February 16.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted on 2/12/16 by:

Jean Wedgwood
CHCA Secretary

Initial draft of minutes prepared by Meredith Sonderskov.

Approved by the Board of Directors, as amended, on 2/25/16.