

## **2024 TPNA Annual Membership Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00pm**

### **Via Zoom**

Attendees: Jill Wright, Annie Ambrose, Mollie Flowe, Scott Doron, Bill Brown, Susan Jakes, Steve Unruhe, Tim McNulty, James Dobbins, Karalyn Colopy, Katie Lutz, Andy Stewart, Steve Falzarano, Sarah Hill, Tim Dun, Dan Jewell, Sam Griffith, Cavett and Barker French, Brett Aefsky, John Hodges-Copple, Beth Emerson, Jane Brown, Julia Borbely-Brown, Liz Healey, Phil Jakes, Deborah Dobbins, Joe Colopy, Anne McNulty, Adam Flowe, Linda Wilson

### **Welcome and introductions ~ Mollie Flowe**

### **Election of board members and officers ~ Mollie Flowe**

- Thank you to outgoing members Tiffany Florestal, Laurie Williamson, Missy Crawford-Smith, and Bill Brown.
- Nominating committee - thank you!
- Presentation of slate of candidates (see below)
- Vote: Moved by Susan, second by Steve, approved by all

### **Treasurer's report ~ Bill Brown**

- TPNA finances 2023
  - Income \$5758 actual / \$8300 budget because newsletter sponsorships down. We have 4 solid sponsors; we haven't collected all the checks because of breakdown in communication and volunteer time.
    - Dan Jewell: was newsletter sponsorship person ~10 years ago. More income often requires more pages which means more expense.
    - Karlayn: We have 4 sponsors @ \$1000/year each plus another occasional so we should meet our \$4500 goal. Want to keep it at 16 pages. Printed and on website.
  - Expenses \$7505 actual / \$8300 budget. Insurance has increased over past few years, we have adjusted for 2024.
  - \$22,000 balance
- TPNA budget for 2024
  - Income: newsletter dropped from \$5300 to \$4500, total \$8000
  - Expenses: similar to 2023. Biggest items= newsletter; meeting space includes \$100 for every other month in-person; insurance; events.

### **President's report ~ Mollie Flowe**

- TPNA activities of 2023
- TPNA plans for 2024

See report here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q9fWLmcAQmXQjt-wUtwN06asDKRFH6iE/view?usp=s>  
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- Jess Lawing is our new newsletter design layout person. Thank you to Jess!
- Ideas for meeting space in 2024: church at Watts and Club (Mimi) Duke East Campus Union (Tim Dunn)
- 230 household members, up a little from March of last year
- One thought on a 2024 speaker: Downtown Durham Inc. will be doing a new downtown master plan in 2024. One of the emphases in the plan is connections to adjacent neighborhoods. Might be worth inviting someone from DDI to attend one of the meetings. (John H-C)
- What is PAC2? Partners Against Crime. TP is in the 2nd district. Monthly meetings, sheriff attends.

### **Announcements/Reminders ~ Mollie Flowe**

- MLK Jr Food and book drive. Katy Barron has organized with PORCH Durham and Book Harvest. There are 3 drop off locations around TP.
- No February meeting (retreat)
- March meeting in person. Will be at Reality Center, 7:00pm on 3/6. Steve can line up a speaker from Reality Center to tell us about their work.
- Need co-chair for Home Tour
- Applying for a grant through Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership: shade sails for Reality Center parking lot events; handrails for steps at Trinity Park
- Deb Dobbins: should we consider Reality Center as a recipient for Hour Tour and/or Garden Tour funds?

### **Questions and comments from members**

**Adjourned 7:52**

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Election Information**

**Candidates for Officers and Board Members**

- **Scott Doron** (currently a Board member) - Vice President (2-year term)
- **Annie Ambrose** (currently VP) - Treasurer (2-year term)
- **Sam Griffith** - Secretary (2-year term)
- **Katie Lutz** - Board member (3-year term)
- **Tim Dunn** - Board member (3-year term)
- **Brett Aefsky** - Board member (3-year term)

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Departing Board Members</b>	<b>Continuing Board Members</b>
Eva Naumann Kristin Heery Jane Brown Karalyn Colopy Mollie Flowe	Missy Crawford (Sec’y) Tiffany Florestal Laurie Williamson Bill Brown (Treasurer)	Mollie Flowe (Pres) Scott Doron (VP) Annie Ambrose (VP→Treas) Karalyn Colopy (Past Pres) James Dobbins Mimi Kessler Jill Wright Susan Jakes Tim McNulty Steve Unruhe

**Candidate Bios**

**Sam Griffith** has been living on Woodland Drive since 2017. Sam hails from the Chicago area originally but when he moved to Durham in the mid-90s to go to grad school he liked it well enough that he never left. His daughter Isabelle Lee graduated from Durham School of the Arts and is currently at college in Boulder, Colorado (dog Buster never even graduated from basic obedience—Sam's hopes for financial support in his dotage are all riding on Izzie). You may run into Sam walking his dog around the neighborhood, sharing a cocktail with the neighbors, tutoring high schoolers or volunteering at Habitat for Humanity...introduce yourself!

**Katie Lutz** is relatively new to Trinity Park, having lived in neighboring Old North Durham for the last 10 years. Born here in the Bull City, she betrayed her Wolfpack and Blue Devil family to play soccer for the Tarheels during college. She now works locally as a Nurse Practitioner. In her free time, Katie loves to hang out with her dog, Albus, try any and all new Triangle restaurants and bars with friends, and attempt to get better at yoga and Pilates. Katie has loved the process of making her house a home and am excited to become more involved in the neighborhood and the people that make it so wonderful to live here.

**Tim Dunn** has lived on Urban Ave since 2018, when he moved with his partner Eva and son Julius from Cambridge MA. Julius is now a happy 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at George Watts and a loving big brother to Lux, his baby sister born Feb. 2023. Tim and his family adore Trinity Park and have the best neighbors ever. Tim runs a biomedical engineering lab at Duke and spends his spare time grumbling about the Gregson and Duke freeways and myopic handling of our tree canopy. As a reward for his grumbling, he has earned a spot on the TPNA traffic committee.

**Brett Aefsky** and his wife Leslie moved to Trinity Park in 2012. He works as a Physical Therapist for Duke Athletics and enjoys attending any and all athletic events. Brett joined the neighborhood association as a way to get involved in the local community and continue to help make Trinity Park such a wonderful place to live. Outside of work Brett enjoys working out, playing soccer, learning the piano and spending time with his wife and their 8 year old son.