

September 30, 2023

## Report of the Nominating Committee of the Friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Library

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present these nominees for the board positions of Vice President and Secretary of the Friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Library:

### **Nominee for Vice President: Neha Pancholi**

Neha is eligible for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as board vice president and we are thrilled that she will again accept the nomination for this position while continuing to serve as the Friends' advocacy chair. Neha has been very active in both these roles. She played a leading role in formulating and setting up our Friends' program to make an annual contribution Friends groups not as well funded as ours. She represents our Falls Library Friends group on the Organizing Committee of the umbrella organization Friends of the Free Library of Philadelphia. This group works on behalf of increasing city funding for Libraries. Neha has lived in East Falls for seven years. She volunteers on projects at Mifflin School including painting, clean up and gardening. A cell biologist Neha is a science writer for the American Association of Cancer Research with offices in center city.

### **Nominee for Recording Secretary: Mary Jean Cunningham**

Mary Jean is a longtime member of the Friends, currently serving on the Friends' board as co-chair (with Marie Filipponi) of the Hospitality Committee. We are delighted that Mary Jean will accept the nomination for secretary while continuing in her role as hospitality co-chair. Mary Jean serves the Friends in numerous ways. She and husband Terry (our treasurer) are spearheading this year's tree sale. She volunteers for most events. Her ideas and analysis of issues are invaluable at board meetings. On occasion when she has filled in for our outgoing secretary (Peggy Gertz), her minutes have been impeccable. Mary Jean is a graduate of St Joe's University in its well-known food marketing program. She has lived in East Falls for 40 years, been active with Community Council, is a dedicated volunteer with Town Watch and a member of St Bridget Parish and its choir.

### **Procedure**

Voting to fill these positions will take place at the Friends Annual Meeting to be held on Nov 1 at 6:30 PM upstairs at the Library. If any Friends member wishes to submit additional nominees

they may do so in writing, with consent of the nominee. Additional nominees may be submitted to the Friends at [friendsofthefalls@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthefalls@gmail.com) at least 5 days before the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Connie Gillespie (chair), Jenna Musket and Mary Jean Cunningham