

**Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides
General Membership Meeting
August 10, 2011, 7:00 PM
The dark horse, 321 S 2nd St.**

After a stirring and informative presentation on the origins, accomplishments and current initiatives of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program by Ryan Derfler, President Bob Skiba called the Association meeting to order at 8:40 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Del Conner announced that the Association currently has over \$3,000 in its account.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The September meeting of APT will take place on September 14 off-site, with a visit to Fort Mifflin beginning at 5:30, instead of the usual 7:00 pm start. Some members will try to assist with a car pool to the site.

There will be a special tour of Christ Church for members of the Association on August 25 at 5:30 pm.

President Bob Skiba will include these and other upcoming events and speakers on the tour guides' website.

The president has arranged for discounts to APT members at Steaks on South and for Mural Arts Tours.

CERTIFICATION:

Bob Skiba conducted a tour guides certification test for several members of the Executive Committee. Greta Greenberger and Del Conner are now APT certified guides. He expects to monitor the test in the near future for other interested members

HANDBOOK:

Judy Shulman has stepped in to take over the mailing of the Tour Guides' Handbook. Interest in the handbook is strong. In fact, Melanie Johnson, the City Representative, has asked for a copy so that she can prepare to take the certification test.

Bob Skiba hopes to develop a working bibliography as a useful addition to the Handbook. Judy wants to develop a system of tagging sites by category, e.g.: subject, region, etc.

THE GREAT TOUR:

An ad hoc tour planning committee has met to make sure that all bases are covered in conducting the second annual Great Twelve-Hour Tour on Saturday, October 1. Several organizations have

agreed to sponsor the tour. Bob will hold a second planning meeting within a week. There is a need for aggressive publicity for the tour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greta Greenberger invited members of APT to serve as volunteer greeters at the Philadelphia Marathon, November 19 and 20. She also announced that there will be celebrations in early November to herald the completion of the two-decade project to restore the facade of Philadelphia City Hall.

Bartram's Garden is holding a plant sale and cider demonstration on September 10.

The August 2011 meeting of the Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Ed Mauger