



The city requires we have a million-dollar policy, which we have; but it's unclear what "loss of business" provisions and amounts there are in it. However, on the bright side, President O'Keefe reported that our revenue from the church is up \$1,600 already over our budgetary estimate. There followed a discussion of 2022 event expenses and income involving Jim Friscia and Pat Hainley; the current bottom line is that we don't want to increase that deficit at all this year, and hopefully this year we will be in a position to steadily narrow it.

President Elaine O'Keefe then turned to the last major item on the agenda of this meeting – determining the 2023 "Board priorities". To begin the discussion, she introduced former SMILE Board Member Brenda Rae Scott, who has volunteered to Chair an update of the SMILE Bylaws. Brenda was present, and told the Board of her background, touching on her resume. She is also a resident of the neighborhood – a "SMILE member".

As for Board member priorities for the year ahead, Zack Duffly – Chair of the currently somewhat quiescent Transportation Committee – wants to see the committee "reactivated". Rachel, of our Communications Committee, wants to refine our e-mail system; Jim Friscia said he would be happy to work with her on that. Elaine said her own top priority this year is to "stabilize SMILE financially". Jim Friscia commented that his priority is "to continue to build awareness of SMILE in our neighborhood".

There followed a discussion of SMILE's community events in 2023: What permits do we need? Do we have a leader for each event we want to present? A lengthy discussion followed about the need for specific and definite plans, keeping avoiding deficits in mind.

Before the meeting ended, Eric Norberg pointed out that this was the third and last Board meeting set to start at 7 p.m. in the three-month experiment led by two members of the Board, and approved as a test by the Board. There seemed at this point a majority willing to make the new start time permanent. Eric then pointed out that we still start our General Meetings at 7:30 p.m. – and he asked, should we change that start time as well? And should we seek public input at the next General Meeting about that?

Eric pointed out that people get confused about which of our meetings occurs on the first Wednesday each month, and which occurs on the third Wednesday, so if we don't standardize a common start time – such as we had up until three months ago – much of the community may be uncertain at what time each of our major monthly meetings start.

There followed an informal agreement by the Board to extend the experiment of starting the Board Meeting at 7 p.m. for *one more month* – and, at the February Board Meeting, we also will consider the issue of our two major monthly meetings having different start times.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Elaine O'Keefe at 8:45 p.m.