



When that report was completed, President Dugan invited the President of the Board of the Sellwood Community House to step forward for his report on that facility. Jason Diegnan also showed some photos and a video of the damage done when the main supply pipes for the building's fire suppression system broke on Friday afternoon, January 19th, and poured thousands of gallons of water into the building from the top floor. He said that fortunately this occurred when a key executive was nearby, and so the water was promptly shut off, but thousands of gallons of water had already flowed into the structure, and the damage has been estimated at \$2 million. He commented that they had been told that if the water had continued to run much longer, as would have been the case if the break had occurred when the building was unoccupied, the total demolition of the historic building would have been required. At least, the damage done is fixable, but it will take months and much money. They are also having conversations with their insurance company; since their lease of the city-owned facility gave no responsibility whatever to the city for maintenance and repair of the building, they were carrying substantial insurance, and that should be a big help.

Meantime, Sellwood Community House needs to continue its programs as best it can, so that revenue will come in and the staff can be paid. Trackers Earth on Milwaukie Avenue, just south of Holgate in the Brooklyn neighborhood, is allowing some Community House programs to proceed there, and Moreland Presbyterian Church in Westmoreland is doing the same. A number of businesses are doing fund-raisers for Sellwood Community House, as well.

With these reports complete, President Dugan asked if there were any questions about either facility. None was offered, so he promoted the upcoming SMILE-sponsored combined midwinter classical and jazz concert on Sunday, February 18th, 2-5 p.m., featuring Catarina New, at Moreland Presbyterian Church. Also co-resenting are the church and the Sellwood Moreland Business Alliance. "Set 1" will be classical music with Ms. New's saxophone quartet. "Set 2" will feature her jazz quartet, with Catarina on vocals and sax. Tickets (suggested donation \$10) are available via the SMILE website; and the remaining tickets will be available at the door. Money raised will help support Transition Projects' Willamette Center on Milwaukie Avenue in Westmoreland, and its residents. The church is between 18th and 19th on S.E. Bybee Boulevard.

Dugan also urged those present to consider running for a SMILE Board Seat in our May election, at the May 1st General Meeting – and also to attend the meetings of any SMILE committees of personal interest, and even to consider joining one or more.

There being no further business on the agenda, or offered from the floor, Pat Hainley moved the meeting be adjourned; and Ed Nunez seconded the motion – which then passed with evident unanimity at 8:07 p.m.