

SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

At SMILE Station

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OFFICERS PRESENT: David Dugan, President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer;
Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Grant Huling, Elaine O'Keefe, Bob
Burkholder, Jim Friscia, Zack Duffly, Suzanne Kruse

GUESTS: (none)

SMILE President David Dugan called the meeting to order in the restored and remodeled upstairs meeting room at SMILE Station, at 7:35 p.m. — and began by asking for a review of the April 17, 2024, Board Meeting minutes. After some corrections were offered and accepted, Pat Hainley made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended. Bob Burkholder seconded the motion; and the motion carried unanimously.

Dugan reported to the Board that he had personally met with all the unsuccessful candidates for in this year's SMILE Board election, encouraged them to get involved with SMILE in any of a variety of ways, and found them receptive to doing so. He also met with newly-elected Board Member Jason Sturgill for coffee; he could not attend tonight's meeting due to a family commitment, but he is interested in the Communications Committee and in fundraising, he said.

As for the final passing percentage of the votes cast in this month's SMILE Board election on the advisory question of whether SMILE members would like to see SMILE continue to be represented by the Southeast Uplift coalition — if it can be managed, and despite our neighborhood being assigned to District 4 on the west side of the Willamette in the Portland City Council election districts — Dugan announced that the approval vote was 98.8% of the votes cast; and the question also passed in the Reed neighborhood vote as well. The Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association and the Portland portion of Milwaukie's Ardenwald neighborhood have not yet reported the outcome on this advisory question on their Board ballot.

Dugan announced that the SMILE Budget Committee met last week, and we still have over \$100K in cash and investments in reserve. Our rentals at the

Oaks Pioneer Church “are looking reasonably good so far. The adopted SMILE fiscal year budget is basically right on target for the year.” We are considering adding a part-time events and operations coordinator, he disclosed, and he shared the job parameters with the Board. It should be less costly than was our last assistant for Chris Timberlake; and the position would not only help assist her in busy booking times, but would also permit her to take a vacation and have personal time off without leaving her duties unattended. There followed some discussion of the proposed parameters for this part-time position; they are not yet finalized, so President Dugan found this conversation helpful.

Dugan next expressed the desire to have, consistently, a featured speaker of some kind at our General Meetings, to serve as a draw for attendance. Jim Friscia proposed that Dugan might assign one month a year to various SMILE committees to provide an interesting and relevant speaker at the General Meeting. Considerable discussion followed, along with suggestions for such featured meeting events as election candidate forums and ranked-choice voting clinics, but no action was taken at this time.

Dugan last turned to upcoming SMILE events. He commented that last weekend’s “SMILE Open House” went well; and the annual SMILE Neighborhood Cleanup will be this Saturday at the south end of Westmoreland Park, in the parking lot. Board members are invited to participate as volunteers, and will receive a SMILE t-shirt. “Sundae in the Park” will once again be our project this year – “Sellwood Community House has too much on its plate.” A general discussion of our various public events during the year followed.

At 8:49 p.m. Pat Hainley moved the meeting be adjourned, and Bob Burkholder seconded the motion, which then passed with evident unanimity.