

SMILE General Meeting minutes

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Zack Duffly, Elaine O’Keefe, Tracy Fisher, Grant Huling, Bob Burkholder, Suzanne Kruse, Jason Sturgill

SMILE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Heide Cropsey, Kelly Luzania, Glorie Gay, Alexis Abrams, Ed Nunez, Cindy Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bundeux; (*and, via ZOOM*): Stan and Brenda Scrutton, V. Hancock, Helene Wren, “Sean”, Joan Ausubel, Molly Dugan

GUESTS: (none)

The meeting was called to order by SMILE President David Dugan at 7:34 p.m. He led the self-introductions of everyone present – around the room, and attending via ZOOM – and, determining that a quorum had not yet been attained, he postponed the approval of minutes until a quorum was present. Dugan introduced Kelly Luzania, a member of the SMILE History Committee, who spoke in detail of the success of the “Sellwood History Hunt, a “treasure hunt” with clues leading to a glass medallion. It was a feature of the successful Sellwood Community House fundraiser, “History Happy Hour”, Friday night, May 17, in the Dance Pavilion at nonprofit – and, itself historic – Oaks Amusement Park.

She discussed the design of, and the clues for, this Treasure Hunt – and then answered a number of questions from those attending this meeting at SMILE Station.

At this point in the meeting, President Dugan took a head count and determined that a quorum of SMILE members had been attained, and announced that the June General Meeting minutes would now be reviewed for potential approval. After the review, one spelling error was corrected, and then Pat Hainley moved the minutes be approved as corrected, Suzanne Kruse seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

With this meeting taking place on the eve of a national holiday, there was only one other item on the agenda: Some SMILE members had requested that the editor of THE BEE comment, as a meeting agenda item, on the acquisition on June 1 of the 25 Pamplin Media newspapers – including THE BEE – by Carpenter Media.

Since the editor of THE BEE was also the longtime SMILE Secretary, Eric Norberg then attempted to give the backstory behind the acquisition, and give his impressions of what it might mean for the newspaper (a matter he had actually addressed in the June editorial in THE BEE). The response he gave was more detailed and wide-ranging than in the editorial, but he explained why he felt the acquisition was potentially the best outcome for the newspaper group and THE BEE, and he said that it only occurred after Dr. Robert Pamplin had become convinced that the Carpenter Group intended to continue to operate the papers as they have been run, which was his objective in making sure they would continue to thrive after he had overseen the company as it became a force in Oregon news over the previous quarter century.

There being no other items on the agenda or offered from the floor, Pat Hainley moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Suzanne Kruse seconded – leading to a unanimous approval of the motion and adjournment at 8:37 p.m.