

**SMILE Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2024**  
**at SMILE Station**

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Procedural

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Grant Huling, Suzanne Kruse, Jim Friscia [via ZOOM], and Tracy Fisher [via ZOOM]

**GUESTS:** (none)

President David Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., and observed that a quorum had been attained. The minutes of the August 21, 2024, Board Meeting then reviewed; Pat Hainley pointed out that an organization mentioned in those minutes had recently changed its name, and asked that the name be updated in the minutes. He then moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, and Suzanne Kruse seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

President Dugan turned to the “District 4 Candidates Forum” which SMILE has arranged, and which will take place at the Sellwood Community House, on Sunday, October 6th, from 1 to 4 p.m. This event will replace the regular monthly SMILE General Meeting, which would have taken place on October 2nd, for this one time only. The move to Sellwood Community House was prompted by the large crowd expected, which likely would have overwhelmed SMILE Station.

The forum will begin at 1 p.m. with a series of brief candidates’ presentations in the upstairs gymnasium, with David as emcee and Suzanne as the timer to make sure the presentations do not exceed each speaker’s allotted time. When all the candidates have presented in this manner, then the attendees will have a chance to mingle with the candidates and speak individually with them; there will be “stations” set up for each, and other rooms in the Community House may be used informally for one-on-one discussions.

There was much discussion of the plans for this three-hour forum, and the details and infrastructure to make it happen. There may be refreshments; there may be a program prepared to hand out to attendees as they arrive, listing the candidates and giving information about SMILE.

The next item on the agenda was “SMILE community updates”. David Dugan, on behalf of the Financial Committee, said there has been some discussion of installing an advanced security system at the Oaks Pioneer Church, and perhaps also at SMILE Station – as David noted, there have been many break-ins of local businesses recently, and updated security seems important for our facilities.

Grant Huling, speaking for the Transportation Committee which he chairs, said that he would like to find a co-chair for the committee, since he feels stretched rather thin by chairing two different SMILE committees, and he would like to devote more of his time to the other one – the standing Crime Prevention Committee, informally known as the Community Safety Committee.

President David then introduced the last item on the agenda for this evening's meeting – the status of the Oaks Pioneer Church contract negotiations with the Portland Park and Recreation department. The contract seems close to signing, but the city has interrupted the plans to sign it by having just interposed objections to some aspects of SMILE's insurance on the church. Those matters remain to be worked out, but David expects to sign the contract soon, so the negotiations can proceed to the potential acquisition of the church.

In a quick review of the status of our current budget, David said that we are in a good position with revenue vs. expenses, but there are some needed capital improvements needed at the Oaks Pioneer Church which we would like to make in the near future if we can make the costs pencil out in the budget.

With that, Pat Hainley moved that the meeting be adjourned, Suzanne Kruse seconded the motion, which passed with evident unanimity at 8:35 p.m.