

Sunday, October 29, 1972

This called meeting began at 7:20 p.m. Present were Chairman Maurice Marr and Board Members Lucian Flora and Dr. James Hill.

1. On the subject of Halloween disturbances which all expected, Dr. Hill speaking for the Police Department said that the county and state law enforcement officers like to keep as much of it as possible within Smiths Grove. The Smiths Grove Police Department was opposed to this state of affairs, he added, for though it helped the state and county authorities, the normal routine of the City was disrupted, much vandalism resulted, and the City authorities were hard put to prevent even worse events occurring.

2. It was decided that Chairman Marr would phone the county sheriff's Office and the State Police Headquarters to request cooperation in keeping crowds in the City dispersed on Halloween night; some arrests were needed, it was added, as most of the trouble in the city was caused by outsiders.

3. Dr. Hill suggested that each Board member watch a part of the City. He said that the City Marshall was expecting trouble from a number of specific individuals and that all enforcement officers needed to assert their authority over the disruptive elements from the beginning.

4. Dr. Hill suggested that a strong resolution be made to ask the county and state authorities to suppress such Halloween disturbances.

The meeting broke up at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Maurice D. Marr
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Lucian B. Flora
City Clerk