

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022

Hybrid meeting: in-person & Zoom conference call: Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Nancy White, Kim Paré, Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Charles Whittall

Absent: Dennis O'Malley

Guest: David Raphael

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:38 p.m.

Dennis offered a prayer of thanks for this day and the work that we do for GPC, asking for God's guidance in these deliberations, and healing prayers for Nancy's mom. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 8/23/22 had been previously distributed and reviewed. They were amended to clarify the task of the Pastor Parish Team to consult with the pastor. Nancy moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Pastor's update: In the past month, Doug led worship preaching 4 of 5 Sundays. Dennis O'Malley filled in one Sunday. Thankful for his coverage. He has one week of vacation left before December 1 but has not confirmed any specific plans for when that will be.

He was away when Bob Pierce was hospitalized. Thanks to all who reached out to Jackie and Bob. He has been to see Bob twice since, at Holy Trinity Nursing Home in Greendale.

He conducted a service this past Sunday (9/25) at the home of a couple who were married at GPC 25 years ago for a vow renewal. This coming Friday (9/30) he will conduct the funeral service for Stephen Blondin, who attended SS at GPC 50+ years ago. He visited Stephen twice the week before he died, at Worcester Rehab on Providence Street.

Doug attended the September potluck by Proto 4 on 9/19. It was a well-attended and nice gathering. Doug has used the Gospel passage from the Lectionary for several weeks now for his sermon. This year features passages from Luke. These are not easy passages for 21st century people to accept. Jesus is uncompromising and demanding in these passages. He plans to stay with the Gospel passages until Advent.

Karen Allen is planning to resume her weekday morning Bible study. He doesn't want to crowd in on her and plans to contribute when he can. Some folks have asked Doug for an additional Bible study during the daytime.

Carolina tested positive for Covid today. Doug wishes her a speedy recovery. She is so very important to him in his work.

Charlie Whittall shared the Treasurer's Note/finances earlier today. We took another \$20k to cover salaries and the restorations in the garden room. Revenue does not meet expenditures but we're holding on until the end of the calendar year. Contributions have come in for the cost to replace the Leeds' Street sign.

Restorations are under way in the Garden Room. Headers and cross beams have been installed. More renovations are in process.

Dennis C has not followed up in small claims court regarding the Ritacco Brothers but will obtain an application and complete through the GPC office.

Signarama is installing the new electronic/digitized sign on 10/17.

Food Pantry update: Joyce Smith is still planning on ending her volunteerism at the end of September. No additional volunteers have stepped forward to support Wendy Fallow and Donna Fife.

Dennis would like to hold a Congregational Meeting on October 23rd to discuss Selah. Dennis will publish this meeting to be held in the sanctuary following regular service.

John Atlas and Boy Scouts would like to do a fall cleanup on Saturday, October 15. Dennis will let John know that date works. He'll add this information in the upcoming weeks' bulletin.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 23rd. Meeting items include: Selah/property sales, Annual Budget, & Governing Board election for the next 3 members for 2-year terms. Bob, Nancy, and Charlie terms are up. Dennis will publish this information before December.

The Governing Board went into Executive Session.

Our ServeSafe certification is expiring and Mike Wilder does not want to renew. Charlie said he will take the test in mid-October.

Dave said Robbie asked to put a small trailer next to the ones currently in the opposite lot. He will also get the registrations. They will need to be moved for the winter or relocated to the end of the lot.

Nancy/Dennis O. made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

The next regular Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk