

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023

Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Karen Allen, Dennis O'Malley, Kim Paré
Absent: David Raphael

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

Dennis O. opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance and thankfulness for our church and the work we do together. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 5/23/23 had been previously distributed and reviewed. The Vote was held to approve the minutes until a final edit could be distributed with corrections to the financial information.

Pastor's update:

Doug had a routine month with no weddings, baptisms, or funerals. There were many visits to several members at nursing homes and hospitals including: Russ Vickstrom, Dave Raphael, Erline DeSalvo, Charlotte LeBlanc, Cecile Everett, June Ayers, Bob Pierce, Nancy White's mother, and Dennis Christo. Tori is home.

Annie is away on vacation next Sunday 7/2, but Scott Olsen will be playing the organ.

On 7/9, a guest pastor, Glen Roundsville, will be in for Doug's vacation absence. Karen Allen will be the Worship Leader and Dennis O. will lead communion.

Finance update:

In May, the congregational giving was a down a bit. This is to be expected as we enter the summer months. The only expense above budget is an 8K for the boiler repair. The first six months of the year are close to budget.

As the financial secretary, Karen shared a stewardship pledge report. We're about halfway and everyone will be receiving a six-month giving letter. A letter was sent out to encourage donors to give towards the giving goal of \$125k, we've received about \$52k or 42%. A theme is being crafted for next year's giving. All ideas and suggestions are very welcome.

Selah update:

Nancy White sent an email on 6/16. "Ken and I were present for the inspection on June 13. There was a repeat request to make a step in front of the lodge a more permanent solution. Currently it is 2 cinder blocks. The building inspector offered some free concrete. The Y will take care of the project. The health inspector will work with the Y to complete their portion of the requirements for day camp. The completed permits should be available on their "MyGovernment" website.

And so, with this, we are now done. I believe that the Y has Karen's contact info. Good luck and please remember that the congregation voted to divest the property to an entity that will continue its intended purpose."

On 6/17, Dennis C. emailed hearty thanks to both Nancy and Ken White for their years of service.

The Y is responsible for the Wi-Fi (Spectrum) and dumpster bills. GPC is still responsible for the landline (Verizon).

Old Business: Quick Updates:

Rod White changed out the rotted ceiling tiles in the Garden Room from the existing leak. The contractor is coming tomorrow, Wednesday, to take a look.

Some plaster on the underside of the small eave facing Francis Street has rotted through. Rod received an estimate from Applied Roofing of about \$6k.

Indian Lake Church has not followed up on their request to rent GPC and has specific opinions about their beliefs in marriage.

Zion Lutheran is now housing six refugee families in the lower level, what was their classrooms.

New Business:

Dennis has been advertising for a volunteer for the treasurer position. There's been no response from the congregation. We may need to hire a firm to do the financials for us. Bob spoke to Toby who recommended hiring a bookkeeper instead of an accounting firm. There was a discussion about what the bookkeeper would be responsible for.

There was a discussion about upgrading the two office computers including reaching out to known supports (Bob Dirsa) as well as Carolina Matas' requirements for all she does with the electronic sign and social media.

The AC was not working today in Fisher Hall. The service company is coming on Thursday to tinker in the basement for the coolant requirements as we adjust to warmer summer temperatures.

Karen made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk