

GPC Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2021

*Via Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Kim Paré, David Raphael, Charles Whittall, Richard Grayson*

*Absent: Robert Converse*

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:36 p.m.

Dave offered a prayer of thankfulness to serve our church and all the people in it. We ask for guidance as we make decisions for the betterment of GPC. Amen.

**VOTE:** The GB interim meeting minutes from 4/13/21 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Kim corrected the minutes issued to remove the Food Pantry data. Dick moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Dave seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Dick had a meeting with the Selah Team (Nancy White, Ken White) on 4/22 with the director of the Athol Y. They went over the agreements they sign every year. Their camp will run from 6/21-8/22. On Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> they'll be an opening of the camp, except for the dock. The Y personnel will help and anyone from GPC is welcome to come clean up the yard debris. Carolina will publish an announcement in the Link & on the website. They were informed that when GPC sells the camp, they'll be offered first option. We don't want it filled with McMansions on the shore and they're in agreement. We may be able to reduce the price, if necessary, for the Y to keep it as a green camp. He also found the original deed dated from 1965 for a cost of \$8,900.

The fire extinguishers need to be inspected but Ken was able to negotiate with the Y personnel to cover half the expense. They will also cover half the cost of the ride-on mower upkeep. The Y carries a million dollar's comprehensive insurance rider for the use of the property.

Treasurer's report: Charlie said he hasn't heard back from Loan Source regarding the latest round of PPP. Berkshire is not doing the second round of PPP and referred customers to Loan Source. He uploaded all the required documents and is awaiting a response. Financially, we're still getting in enough income to pay our bills. The payroll company transitions to Brotherhood Mutual after this Friday. 4/30 is the last checks from ADP.

Church services are going very well, for three weeks now. The substitute pastor on 4/25, Glenn, gave a good sermon. Dick said there's a little problem with the sound coming out. It wasn't loud enough and didn't sound like there was any amplification. Doug said Carolina is working on it. She thinks the sound should go right from the microphone to the laptop instead of ambient voice in real time. She said sound systems are not her expertise but she's learning as she goes.

Kim said the deacons will have a meeting next Tuesday 5/4. We may have fewer deacons going into summer since Patty Harnois is recovering from her cancer treatment and Sheri Kline goes to Maine for the season. Nancy Cimato will cover the 8:30 service throughout May. Bill Hackett, Joanne Wilder, Janet Whittall, and Kim Paré will cover the Family Service. We'll see how the two services go and assess at the end of May.

Facility Use Team (Dick Grayson, Bob Converse, Deb Richards, Ken White, Shon Rainford) looking to get launched by setting a meeting date to discuss usage of the church and Selah.

The Mission Implementation Team is eight women. Dennis is wondering if he should request more participation from men. The directive has been posted on our website. Pastor Doug is helming that Team and the first meeting is 5/12 at 7 p.m. with the second Wednesday being a regular meeting date. This team will address the new GPC mission implementation and future policy impact.

Kim said that Frank Carthizer on the board of the Mustard Seed has requested a return to a hot meal. She let Jan Anderson know and she, her husband, and Anna Marsden are good to return to cooking on 5/20. Charlie said we need to let Shon know to reserve the time for cooking the meal. Kim will give Carolina information to post an announcement for volunteer servers.

Dick said Cub Scouts Pack 9 will be meeting from 5:30-7:30 every Thursday 5/13-6/17 then break for the summer. No word back from the Girl Scouts for use of the building to meet.

Dick asked about posting or scheduling meetings and gatherings. Kim said Kev had previously set up a calendar for the deacons on Google Docs called Sheets. Carolina may be able to get people onto this site. He'll look into it.

Dave said he was in the church parking lot last weekend. He said the gas company has installed a new unit. The old unit is still there. Dick said maybe it's to be able to read the meter online. We'll wait a few weeks to see if they come pick up the old unit. If not, Dave will call the gas company to let them know it's still there.

Dave said the state elevator inspection is next Monday 5/3. Dave gave the inspector a key to the door to make it easy for him just in case no one is there. Dave said legally, the only ones to have the elevator room key is the office and the elevator company.

Dave said Matt continues to clean the sanctuary, conference room, and hallways with a sanitizing spray.

Carolina asked about a return to purchasing flowers for the altar. Doug said she's willing to take this duty on. Kim said that there was a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside Fisher Hall and, for \$30 people can request in honor or in memory of their loved one then take the flowers at the end of the service. Doug will check with Marion McLauren for her input since she wants to return to volunteering. The flowers were usually delivered on Saturday. Dennis suggested having some nice fake flowers until live ones can be ordered. Kim said Bill Hackett used the ones from the kitchen vases for that purpose the last 3 Sundays.

Charlie said Carolina was annoyed with the speed for the internet as it was super slow on Sunday. Charlie will be in tomorrow to reboot the router. The PC in the volunteer office is also super slow and may need an upgrade. It may not have been reset since the upgrade from Charter Spectrum.

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Dick seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

The next Governing Board is an interim Zoom conference call scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with a regular GB Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk*