

GPC Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2022 w/ corrected edit

Hybrid meeting: in-person & Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Nancy White, Charles Whittall, Dennis O'Malley, Kim Paré  
Guest: David Raphael (via phone)

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

Dennis C. opened the meeting with a prayer of gratitude for the Governing Board members present in deliberations for GPC. We ask for blessings for our families and ourselves and prayers for those who are sick or are suffering. Watch over us all and our Jewish friends this first night of Hanukkah. Amen.

**VOTE:** The GB meeting minutes from 11/22/22 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Nancy moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Pastor's update:

We are transitioning from advent to Christmas. No service on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have Sunday service on New Year's Day. Dennis O'Malley subbed in the pulpit on the first Sunday of advent. There was a nice gathering of about 25 for the Harvest Pizza Fest on 11/25. Carolina put out some games and everyone had fun. There was a packed sanctuary for Sandy Grayson's funeral was Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a baptism on 12/4. Another funeral was held last Friday for Cynthia Caruthers. Of the 9 churches she attended, she said GPC was her favorite. Doug individually met with Carolina and Annie last week. Annie is working autonomously, selecting music, and filling in when there's not a full choir available. Carolina is similarly conscientious and brightens up the office. She adds so much to the functioning of GPC. He recommends salary increases for both and relayed that information to the Finance Team. Carolina has been recording weekly, focused sessions with Doug. We're getting 100 views and there are many viewing the weekly services on Face Book.

Dave said he spoke with the sextant, Matt Duhamel. He's in constant contact with Dave and is pleased to be back at GPC.

Finance update:

Charlie Whittall said he sent out the current financial status and next year's proposed budget this afternoon. He held an \$5k invoice from the heating company awaiting funds in the bank. Payroll is next week. With \$2k in the bank, we need to wait until the next budget is approved. On the budget versus actual, we are where we are. Everything's up to date.

There was a discussion about the HVAC work done and a second invoice for the thermostats hasn't yet been received.

The Cole bill for the Garden Room was already paid half and the other half was paid today.

There is a small leak in the Friendship Room. Dennis C. spoke with Cole Contracting. They're going to get a different roofer than the one who did the garden room for a 'fresh look' with a new pair of eyes. The estimate may cost about \$300.

The Ritacco Brothers follow-up is on Dennis' to-do list.

Two new PCs will be purchased after the first of the year. Charlie will research before buying. "Along with the two new desktops (to be purchased next year), a new laptop was purchased recently. This will allow the office (Carolina at first) to get training on updating the new electronic sign. The laptop will also be used for the Sunday services. "

Selah update: Dennis C. has checked in with Deb Richards regarding getting an updated, current appraisal of the camp versus the "highest best use" that was previously obtained by the PMTF. She said she will have the information soon. We want to connect with the Y not only for next year's rental but a ballpark figure if they're interested in purchasing. Nancy said a property next door sold for \$525k.

Nancy reached out to Shon Rainford on 11/14 and again on 12/13 for the Food Hub contract. He was supposed to sign and return. Dennis will check in with Shon via email regarding an answer for the 1/1/23 renewal start date. He wants the extension but has not replied.

We fixed the thermostat and now it's on the deacons to ensure the thermostat is activated early prior to the service.

New Business:

Annual Congregational Meeting is the **last Sunday in January (1/29/23)**. Operating Teams need to submit their updates to be published. We're going to mail out the report, the agenda, and the budget. It will also be published on the website. We'll need to livestream.

There was a discussion about interest from the congregation for the three Governing Board vacancies. The Annual Meeting will be held on the last Sunday of January on the 29<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

Dennis C. & Bob met with Doug yesterday to sign his Letter of Agreement. All is well.

Dennis O. made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

A short Governing Board meeting is scheduled for **January 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting agenda topics**. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk  
Corrected by Dennis*