

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2021

Via Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Charles Whittall, Robert Converse, Nancy White, Kim Paré, David Raphael
This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:31 p.m.

Nancy offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for all our blessing this bountiful season. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 10/26/21 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Charlie moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Financial report: Charlie Whittall said we're holding our own for year-end. We have about 12k to cover payroll through the end of this month and with anticipated monies coming in we should be all set. Status quo.

Dennis added that the Projects Team is doing some fund raising with the poinsettia sale, the wreath sale, and an in-house mini fair. The ladies will be coming in on Friday to pretty up the wreaths for this Sunday.

Diaconate have a different deacon chairing each month's meeting. Bob said the testimonials have been well received. Coffee fellowship is covered through December.

Dennis said the advent wreaths were placed in the chapel and sanctuary. He thinks the right candles need to be placed.

Nancy spoke with Shon Rainford about the additional \$100/month for the extra storage room. He's interested in renewing the Food Hub contract for 2022. He's working on moving the equipment out of Fisher Hall before this Sunday.

Kim said she received at least 4 requests for CORI checks from Shon Rainford but not sure why she's been asked to do that for Food Hub. Nancy shared a passage that reads Food Hub will run a Background Check on all persons using the kitchen. Kim has not run the information and will return the BRC cover page to Shon for him to run himself.

There's a bunch of stuff in the Sunday School Superintendent's office. She spoke to Karen Allen identifying that the arts and crafts supplies did belong to GPC. We should find a good home for those trinkets and the pageant costumes. Jean Lunt is okay with donating them to a good home for a church that does a pageant.

Social Media Team hasn't evolved. Carolina hasn't heard anything from Russ. Maybe we need to be more specific in our request. Does anyone know how to monitor a FaceBook page and sending postings from FB to other social media sites?

Ken White is going to fix the 2 exterior lights on the building and on the pole.

Kim said she received an email from Pastor Zach Kerzee on November 22, regarding fundraising this holiday season. She'll forward it to Carolina to post as an announcement on the powerpoint during December.

VOTE: Dave made a motion to donate \$250. from the Hunger Action budget to Worcester Fellowship to sponsor a hot meal for 60 people this holiday season. Charlie seconded. Dave suggested also lobbying the congregation to match the gift. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

The refrigerator is not working properly. It's cool but not cold. Charlie and Dave consulted and called Lester's refrigeration. They were bought out by Gervais. There's a two week wait until an on-site appointment on 12/7. They'll check the refrigerator and both freezers.

A few people said the sanctuary was too cold on Sunday. Ken White had Ed Hashee change the filters and we're hoping that setting the thermostat to turn on earlier to bring up the heat will warm it up sooner.

Nancy said a guy from Boston Dialog Foundation group, the solar panel company, reached out to Russ Vickstrom about buying Selah. Nancy was just sharing the information with the GB. There are no plans to sell in the immediate future.

Bob said the Stewardship Team will be holding a recognition ceremony in February, likely during Coffee Fellowship.

Charlie said the plow company never received the signed contract renewal. Bob said he'll pull last year's from the file.

Charlie asked if there's any objection in using funds from the turkey baskets to purchase gifts for the remaining tags still on the Angel Tree. There was \$2k leftover from last year in the Serving Others fund. \$35-\$50 is about right for a new toy and an article of clothing.

Dave asked if the 2 churches, CANA & WIMS, have paid yet. Charlie said he didn't know. We have to check with Karen Allen. Dennis said we need to make sure there's no conflict when CANA uses Fisher Hall on Sunday nights not to be in the kitchen for any Food Hub business.

Dave wants to update the contact list, removing himself as primary contact. Bob, Kim, and Dennis will be the new list for emergencies.

Charlie made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:47 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is an interim hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk