

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023

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

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m.

Dave opened the meeting with a prayer of gratitude for the GB's service to the congregation. Amen.

Dennis C. welcomed Karen Allen (new) & David Raphael (returning) Governing Board members.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 1/24/23 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Dave moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Pastor's update:

Two funerals were conducted in February-Douglas Murdock 2/4 & Edward Scott (Croteau) 2/15. Ash Wednesday Service on 2/22 was well attended with Nancy Cimato imposing the ashes. We have a new member, Sylvia Spencer, a welcome addition to the congregation. Raymond Leblanc remains hospitalized but he's in good spirits. Weekly Facebook views of Sunday services are up, 160 since the Ash Wednesday service. Wednesday Lenten Series will be posted on Facebook starting 3/8.

Finance update:

Charlie Whittall said we're doing okay. The two new PCs are on order but awaiting tax exempt processing. All our bills are all currently paid.

Karen shared a positive pledge comparison. The goal is \$125,000. Since the past Sunday we've received about 19% of the budget year-to-date. There are 57 pledges total this year, 5 more than this time last year. We've improved by 12%, the number of people pledging with an increase of 9% in new pledges. It's very encouraging news.

Dennis C. will continue to keep the Ritacco Brothers as an action item moving forward until resolved.

Carolina Mata continues to work on the messaging on the electronic sign. We're also going to acknowledge the people who financially donated to the electronic sign.

Selah update: Nancy White and Dennis C. met with the YMCA leadership last Tuesday 2/21. The Y has no issues or questions. The group talked about the transition and extending the contract for the entire summer. The Y leadership knows what they need to do in preparation for inspections to open the camp. Ken White sent them a list of providers the Selah Team has used to move those

action items forward. Ken & Nancy will remain available to work with the Y until May in support of their efforts.

Karen clarified that once the Y signs the contract, if any GPC member wishes to rent/use the property, the Y will have sole approval during that time period.

Food Hub has made up the amount owed and is up to date on their rent.

Karen is working on a new servant leader directory and updated the GB on the current information for each ministry.

New Business:

Dennis asked everyone to consider becoming Chair. GB members volunteering for respective officers, duties, and GPC oversight:

Chair: Dennis Christo

Vice Chair: David Raphael, Facilities

Treasurer: Charlie Whittall, ad hoc GB member

Assistant Treasurer & Finance Team liaison: Robert Converse

Clerk: Kim Paré, Diaconate liaison

Stewardship/Membership liaison, Facilities Use Team liaison: Karen Allen

Christian Education liaison: Dennis O'Malley

Coordinator of Teams: Pastor Doug Cederberg

VOTE: Dave made a motion to appoint Charles Whittall as Treasurer and Robert Converse as Assistant Treasurer. Karen seconded the motion. Clarification of Charlie as an ad hoc, nonvoting GB member during the discussion. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

There was a discussion about the need to keep a Selah Team. For the purposes of the directory, Ken & Nancy White will remain listed in the Servant Leader Directory as the Selah liaison.

Proto suggested upgrading the current refrigerator due to limited space for various supplies. There was a discussion about the capacity for this need, mostly due to collation food following a funeral and for yogurt/eggs for Sunday bagged breakfasts. We will reconvene this topic at next month's GB meeting.

Dave moved to go into executive session to address a personnel matter including our ad hoc guest. Bob seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Bob received a thank you letter from ICCG for Ukraine Relief. Bob suggested posting it in Dennis' weekly update.

Kim asked if a church made an inquiry for rental space. They had showed up late on a Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, they wanted the Sanctuary while we were in service.

Dave said there was a small fire in the ladies' room off the bride's room between Thursday 2/23 & Friday 2/24 night. Thankfully, the fire had been contained in the fan housing. Since the lights have been repeatedly left on, new sensor switches should be installed in all bathrooms.

Charlie asked if anyone in the office heard from Brotherhood Insurance Company. Dave said an adjuster, Brian Grandmont, came in and looked at the water damage from the heating system. Dave also emailed photos to him of the original damage. We're awaiting a reply once the insurance company processes the claim.

The Garden Room is moving ahead, and the plan is to have the plants growing again by Easter.

Dennis C. made a motion to adjourn. Dave seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk