

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021

Via hybrid live & Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Kim Paré, David Raphael, Charles Whittall, Richard Grayson, Robert Converse

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:31 p.m.

Dennis offered a prayer for this day and the GB to receive guidance in deliberating the work of the church, to draw good discussion and conclusions for GPC. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 5/25/21 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Dave moved to approve the minutes with one minor financial correction. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Dennis has given all of the GB minutes YTD for posting on the website. He added that Carolina updated the guidance to join virtually as a guest at GB meetings.

Charlie presented a financial update. Income has been better the last couple of weeks. We took \$20k from the endowment. The checking account is now at \$17k.

He has not heard from SBLA. We may not be receiving a (\$27k) PPP loan. He has heard the government has run out of money so the application will not be processed.

Dave asked if Berkshire Bank has been informed of this information. Charlie said he has not told them. Dave said they should be informed because it was not processed on their watch. Kim asked why it wasn't processed. Charlie said the representative will not give him a clear answer. At the end of April, they requested a tax form. When Charlie said, via email, that churches don't file that tax form they stopped answering.

Carolina suggested adding a link/giving button on FaceBook. Charlie said there is a link on our webpage to do that.

VOTE: Dave made a motion to have Carolina Mata set up a giving link on our FaceBook page.

Dick said the FUT is revising the Selah use policy. It is being updated with respect to the fees, reservation process for the camp/trailer sites and the cottages, how to sign out keys, and the protocols for management. The Y had to put a new water heater in. Selah WiFi and phone services both now for this year. It will be terminated in October.

COVID protocols have ended for all mandates. There was a warm service for Russ Vickstrom Sr. The greens have been granted permission to hold Coffee Fellowship after the 4th of July service. Coffee Fellowship will be reinstated thereafter. We need to make sure Shon knows for Food Hub calendar.

The single service at 9:30 a.m. begins in July. There's no air conditioning in the Chapel. The GB discussed the location of services in both the Chapel and Sanctuary on alternating weeks.

WIMS is starting after the 4th of July. Dave asked how much they owed us. Bob thinks they were one month behind. He said they paid January-March 2020. Karen's report from last year shows that they were paid in full. Dave said they have an unregistered truck in the lower parking lot that needs to be removed.

Seven groups were sent a letter that we're remaining closed to outside groups for the remainder of the calendar year. Dick is meeting with the FUT next week regarding use of Selah and GPC by outside groups.

Dennis said there is an issue brewing about why we are not opening to outside groups. He has posted this information in more than three successive bulletins. Until we receive some clarity from the congregation, FUT & MIT, then we may be informed and bring all their recommendations for a vote from the full congregation.

Dave said Charlotte's remarks about shutting people out for AA/Alanon/Alateen is not accurate. There are many places to find a meeting. Representatives from the Saturday meeting have not contacted Dave and they've been meeting on Zoom.

Dennis said if MIT says we need to open to groups, then we need to know what the resources required are and other pertinent information.

Doug said MIT is meeting tomorrow on Zoom. Since the last meeting two weeks ago, the MIT replied to the 8 questions posed they've been assigned to address by the GB. Karen Allen compiled their answers and he will email the final responses after tomorrow's meeting. They recognize that we are a tired and aged congregation. We have been kicking the can down the road for quite some time. They are discerning about whether our mission is to open the building to the community. Charlie said we are not a community recreation center.

The church calendar is published on the website. Dick suggested that the office make changes to the calendar and not be open to anyone who's able to view the calendar. Charlie suggested items for posting be sent along via email for Karen and Carolina to add.

Dot would like to hold a modified fall Church fair in November. The lunch bar could be held. The GB is in agreement for Special Projects to coordinate the extent of this event.

Matt has given a two week notice of termination. He's all done on the 25th. He's willing to do Saturday 26th for this Sunday. Dennis suggested we assemble a team to review resumes. Carolina said she knows someone who may be interested. Matt also knows someone who's semiretired. Dennis spoke with him yesterday. He asked the gentleman to send in a letter of intent to GPC. We can check with Mariam McLauren as to who was on the interview team with her for the last hire. Kim suggested using FaceBook Marketplace to post the custodian position.

Doug said he reviewed Annie's contract that she's responsible to find an honorary replacement for her vacation. He'll let her know.

Dick reported that Mike True will replace a floodlight in the sanctuary. Ken White said he's getting a quote for the Fellowship room roof that is leaking when it rains. There was a discussion about fieldmice getting into the Special Projects storage room through the open ceiling tiles. Dave's Pest Control will be informed of the issue.

Charlie said Jan Whittall has volunteered to substitute/back-up anyone who cannot cover their weekday.

Dick made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:03 p.m.

The next Governing Board is a regular GB Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk