

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023

Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Karen Allen, Kim Paré, David Raphael

Absent: Dennis O'Malley

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

Pastor Doug opened the meeting with a prayer for His guidance and thankfulness for those who volunteer in service to others and the work we do together. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 5/23/23 and 6/27/23 had been previously distributed and reviewed. The two sets of minutes were approved as corrected for accurate financial information (5/23/23) and as written (6/27/23). Unanimous approval by all present, no opposition, and no abstentions.

Pastor's update:

Doug had a light month with a week's vacation thrown in. He was grateful for the substitute pastor, Glen Rounseville. Appreciation for Karen Allen as worship leader. The previous week there was a substitute musician, Scott Olson.

There was a fellowship pizza party last Wednesday. It brings together people in fellowship. Carolina is in some pain post recovery from her surgery.

Doug visited Russ Vickstrom yesterday. He's in good spirits. Doug has also talked to Astrid Essex and Ethel Gustafson on the phone yesterday.

Finance update:

Bob previously distributed financial information from the June 2023 Finance Committee meeting.

Income

- *Individual offerings are basically on budget.*
- *Building Use Income was \$2600 behind budget due to Food Hub's June payment that was not received until July.*
- *Investment income withdrawal is \$8,000 above budget in order to meet expenses.*
- *Athol YMCA has not sent their \$3,500 (Selah) fee to GPC as of June 30.*

Expenses

- *Salaries are above \$3,300 due to a salary increase approved in March.*
- *Computer support is \$2,500 above budget due to unbudgeted expenses to the new electronic sign.*
- *Building repairs were over budget by \$8,700 due mainly to work on a defective boiler and a late snowstorm.*

Overall

As a result of the above, net revenue is \$16,000 in the red.

The Hunger Action mission is doubled what it was originally budgeted with the Bagged Breakfast program.

Last September we sent a check for \$8,500. to Otis to replace the elevator doors. They have since returned the check since the state forgave the mandate to be in compliance with the regulation. Otis also stated that the elevator has passed the required inspection as is and did not need the required upgrade.

As the financial secretary, Karen added that we're maintaining through July. We've received 55% of the total budget. If we stay on track, we'll just reach the \$125,000. We're in good shape despite it being the summer.

Old Business: Quick Updates:

Applied roofing gave an estimate of \$6k for repairing the plaster at the Leeds's Street entrance. Rod White is their contact. They've been given the go ahead to get started.

Dave contacted Ed Hachi who sent a crew to repair the switch and sensor in the ice chiller for the AC unit.

Food Hub has been less conscientious about leaving lights on, doors unlocked, and Lyn Wasilewski reported one Sunday a burner was left on from the previous user. They also recently cooked in a restricted area and set off the fire alarm due to excessive smoke in the kitchen and Fisher Hall.

Bob Dirsa was at church today to ensure the cameras were working. He was able to see that when the electronic sign was connected, it impacted the cameras. When Carolina comes back, Dave will ensure Bob Dirsa will schedule time to collaborate with her to set up the two new office PCs.

The Ritacco Brothers letter is still in limbo.

New Business:

Dennis said no one has come forward for the treasurer position. Bob met with Toby to list out the Treasurer's duties. There is a current job description. There was a discussion about Bob staying on as Treasurer with oversight to a paid, part-time bookkeeper.

Dave recently spoke with Jennifer at the Athol Y about the Wi-Fi bill which has been getting mailed to Selah. Dave explained her agreement to sit down before the end of the summer about future plans for the property.

When checking the cameras, it was observed that there's some leakage in the loft. Rod will ask the roofers to check it out.

The Care Ministry has been sending cards and going to visit shut ins. The deacons are somewhat informal and ad hoc but, between Bill Hackett and Nancy Cimato, meeting the needs for Sunday deacons. There are regular volunteers filling in all the openings.

Dennis thanked all who are serving on the Governing Board and making this work for the church, and especially for making it work in fellowship with others.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Karen seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk