

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022

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

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

Dennis O. offered a prayer for this day and for God to open our hearts and minds as we deliberate GPC's business. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 2/22/22 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Charlie moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Charlie Whittall said we have money in the bank. We're paying our bills and there's money coming in. We received a check back from Johnson Controls because they were unable to complete an inspection in 2020 so they refunded \$600.

Social media team has not met since February. Nancy said Fran was in FL but has returned. Carolina is now gone to Columbia. Nancy volunteered to monitor the Selah FaceBook page when the Team convenes and approves.

Bob will remind Carolina tomorrow about reaching out to Shanahan Sound System since she was sick in January and may not have done that outreach yet.

Charlie sent an invoice of \$160. (\$40/month, each trailer) for February & March to Shon Rainford for the 2 Food Hub trailers in the side lot.

Charlie is in process for a new Food Permit with Worcester City Hall.

The Lincoln Street School was thrilled to receive the clothing racks. Nancy & Ken took care of the donation.

Dennis C. wrote a letter last month to Ritacco via certified mail for the \$2k owed. The money had been kept in arrears for work should they need to repair the street once the Fales Street house was taken down. There has been no reply since mailing.

Rev Phil Tom is coming for Rev Doug's installation on April 24th. Rev Doug said Rev Phil doesn't want to preach. It's a chance to meet and affirm our ICCC relationship.

Cub Scout clean-up is 4/16, the day before Easter. Dennis C. will out an announcement so the congregation can join the clean-up crew. We would like to have the garden room cleaned up for Easter as well. Charlie will review an estimate from the landscape company.

Bob said Stewardship & Membership Committee is meeting tomorrow afternoon. Doug asked if the membership list is the same as the directory. There was a general discussion about membership. Kim shared the information from the Bylaws.

Article III. Membership - Section 4.

People who seek to share their faith in Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship at Greendale People's Church will be welcomed and included at all services and programs and considered a valued part of the Church family. They will not have voting rights at Church meetings until such time as they may seek full membership in this Church.

Charlie said palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. We should be all set for Easter service. Doug said no one has asked for printed bulletins. Charlie said a dozen or so are mailed to people who can't attend services. Dennis C. said he'll include the opportunity to receive a printed bulletin mailed to congregants who wish to read it on a flyer instead of online.

Nancy said the Athol Y has published their 9-week summer camp (June 20th to the end of August) on their webpage. Ken was working on getting the broken septic pipe repaired before June. The Y takes care of the opening permitting with the town. They'll need 6 months of wi-fi reinstated and they will be billed for it.

Last month there was a discussion about how to activate the heating/AC controls. Dennis C. crafted two documents with photos for a simple "how to." Charlie will forward to Bill Hackett for his review.

A few weeks ago, the deacons met about conducting funeral services for nonmembers. There was a discussion about formerly being able to accommodate every request from members and nonmembers back when we had 2 full-time ministers and more regular deacons/volunteers. Doug reminded everyone that the sacraments are an administration of God's grace through their commitment to God in their life. Dennis C. summarized that it is solely the pastor's discretion to the extent that the funeral or baptism can and will be done.

Nancy said someone posted a drug referenced clip on Selah's FaceBook page. There was a discussion about the Social Media Team addressing and monitoring content on the FB pages. Doug shared that a private message was posted to him on his FB page. There was a discussion about the Churchianity article Doug had written.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

The next regular Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk