

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022

Hybrid meeting: in-person & Zoom conference call: Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Nancy White, Kim Paré, Dennis O'Malley, Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg
Absent: Charles Whittall This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:36 p.m.

Dennis O. offered a prayer for the courage to show our spirit and highlight the work we do in Jesus' name. Dennis C. added that we lift up the family of the children and teacher killed at an elementary school in Texas this afternoon as well as all the survivors traumatized by this senseless violence.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 4/26/22 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Bob moved to accept the minutes written. Nancy seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Charlie Whittall said in an email that financially we are very good. He reviewed the estimates for the Cole Contracting renovations in the three rooms and believes we should be able to cover most of the costs unless there are extra expenses involved.

Dennis C. will reach out to Russ Vickstrom about the Social Media team.

Ken White said Carolina had been in contact with Shanahan Sound. Bob will check with Carolina tomorrow morning if she's heard back from them.

Dennis C. wrote a certified letter 2/22 to Ritacco Brothers regarding the \$2k owed. The envelope has come back with no reply since mailing. He googled the business, Ritacco Construction. He wrote a second letter last week and is awaiting that it has been delivered. He had previously reached out to Attorney Larson with no reply. He'll ask Russ Vickstrom to reach out to Attorney Larson since he referred him to the GB.

There was a discussion about coordinating spring clean-up at GPC. Whether we can get the scouts to help us is in question. Doug will ask Carolina to check the calendar and publish a date that may be an open weekend in June.

Charlie Whittall added from his email to the GB that he had received the building inspection permit for Selah. He expects to complete the form and send payment on Thursday.

Selah considerations:

- 1. Bill for sewer from Pete Lyman - pipe is okay, but it is asbestos so if it needs work it will be expensive*
- 2. Bill from plumber Jim Jackson - had a pipe burst in kitchen, flood ensued.*
- 3. Bill from electrician, Gary Terroy, to disconnect water booster (where the leak occurred) dishwasher not needed anymore*
- 4. Board of health inspection – passed*

5. *Fire inspection – passed*
6. *No building inspection yet*
7. *Well water is considered a public water supply - met with DEP Doug Paine*
8. *Met with Stu from Whitewater who could manage our public water supply - quote forthcoming*
9. *Seeking property management group quotes for cost to manage property*
10. *Selah team met to open camp*
11. *2 weekend rentals*
12. *Met with property maintenance team from Trustee of the Reservations to fill them in on infrastructure needs*
13. *Cleaning out drawers in main lodge room - flags and various craft supplies*
14. *Called pest control - building is infested with mice*

There was a discussion about whether the church really needs/uses Selah and the best plans going forward. It was appraised three years ago and property has escalated in the last five years. The Property Management Task Force already defined the steps for selling the property. After the camp closes at the end of the season, we will want to bring this discussion to the annual meeting in January 2023. If not for the loving care of Nancy and Ken White, there would be no property management at Selah at all.

There's been a few problems with people changing the settings on the Shanahan Sound board. Dave Raphael spoke to WIMS about not using the system since there was an issue when the settings are altered. Doug added that the microphone on the lectern is past it's prime. We should replace it.

Rod & Ken White have received estimates from a few contractors. There was a discussion about the concept and itemized costs of the revised estimates. The rotted skylight and the garden room roof needs to be repaired. The total costs are approximately \$58k.

VOTE: Dennis O. made a motion to repair the garden room ceiling/roof by replacing it with two new skylights. Bob seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the historical and aesthetic value of the garden room. There was a discussion about retaining the room as is, a garden room, or a cut through garden walkway room with a ramp to the first-floor bathrooms which are not handicapped accessible. We have multiple wheelchairs in the church to assist people floor-to-floor via the elevator to use the existing handicapped bathrooms on the first and third floors. After a full discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Joyce Smith has tendered her resignation as the Food Pantry Coordinator. She expects to be done by the fall. The other regular volunteers are Donna Fife and Wendy Fillow. We'll hope to have another individual come forward to support Donna & Wendy.

The wooden church sign on the Leeds'/Francis Street side of the building is rotted and not very appealing. Nancy & Ken White sent out RFPs for 2 kinds: replacement as is vs electronic from Signarama (\$5k) and Connor Signs (\$4385.) There was a discussion about PVC style versus the practical applications of an electronic/digital one. The modern quotes are nearly double the manual estimates (\$10k & \$9k). The preference of the GB is to go modern.

VOTE: Dennis O. made a motion to replace the existing sign with an electronic sign by Signarama, the lower priced vendor, at a cost of approximately \$9k Bob seconded the motion. After a full discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Lyn Wasilewski made a request for a proposal to hold an indoor walking group on Sundays, Mondays, & Fridays at 7 pm for 30 minutes within the church in inclement weather. Nice weather would be held at QCC. The group would like the opportunity to use the chapel or sanctuary for a pre- or post-walk prayer. It would give our neighbors an opportunity to come into the church besides Sunday services. It could be publicized on the Burncoat FaceBook page. The GB unanimously approved the concept of this group for this purpose.

A collection has been promoted in support of ICCC with a request for a collection for Ukraine through Church World Service.

A neighbor, Patricia Smith-Murphy, would like to make an honorary recognition of Eddie Mecca who grew up on Francis Street. This will be discussed further at the next GB meeting.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Dennis O. seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

The next regular Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk