

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2023

In-person & Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Karen Allen, Kim Paré, David Raphael, Dennis O'Malley

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m.

Dennis C. opened the meeting with a prayer of thankfulness for this day and all present. We ask for guidance in our discussions to do His will as His faithful servants. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 9/26/23 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Bob made a correction that the 2024 budget will be drafted for the November GB meeting. Dennis O. motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Dave seconded. Unanimous approval by all present, no opposition, and no abstentions.

Pastor's update:

No funerals or baptisms this past month. Doug was in the pulpit every Sunday. The next pizza party is scheduled for November. Dennis O. will cover this Sunday in Doug's absence while he's in Iowa. Karen will do the greeting/opening.

Doug recently attended an ICCC regional Zoom meeting, the first one since the pandemic. It wasn't very well attended.

On November 19th at 3 p.m., St. Michael's on the Heights on Burncoat Street will host an ecumenical service for all Greendale area churches.

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. The deacons want input from the congregation about whether we have one morning service on 12/24 or a second evening service as in year's past.

There are a few ailing members, and the Care Ministry keeps in contact with those people.

Wednesday's Theology 101 is halfway thru. More to come.

Finance

Congregational giving is a bit behind budget. A few unexpected items have come up: \$8400 for a new hot water heater, \$810 to remove a balloon from a sanctuary ceiling fan, \$1500 to Marie Hopkins for a Selah appraisal, a new roof on Leeds's Street is \$6000. Bob had to draw money, about \$17k, from the investment account to cover the bills.

Sylia Spencer has been working with Bob for accounts receivable and payable. She's been working in excel to track items.

Stewardship

We collected \$635 for the Maui wildfire relief. \$400 for the first weekend of the Turkey Baskets.

We've received \$93,198 towards our goal of \$125k which is about 75% of the campaign.

The Stewardship Committee has mailed out the letters and will also send out pledge cards which can be handed in any time.

The Volunteer Celebration on 10/8 was well attended and everyone liked their gifts.

Maintenance update. Applied roofing repaired the roof that was leaking water into the rafters and loft. It was very expensive because it required a sky crane. Rod White said that it's all been repaired. He also did some handy carpentry on one of the attic entry doors.

Dennis C. called for a service call on Thursday 10/ 26 of the heating system and change filters or whatever needs to be done.

The plowing contract has not yet been received. Dennis C. said he sent an email but no reply in response to the request for a contract. Bob will call the company tomorrow.

The inside entry door and the boiler room doors both had minor repairs this week.

Dave said Bob Dirsa is working on changing the network in the sanctuary. Karen will draft a thank you letter to Bob Copeland for his generous donation for technology upgrades in the office.

Old Business

Marie Hopkins completed a property appraisal for Selah. The one that was completed four years ago was about \$325k. The current appraisal was about \$240k to leave the property intact as a camp. The appraised value by the town of Orange, appraised the 18 acres and 895' water frontage at \$346k with its current usage. This information will be helpful in our dialogue with the Athol Y. Their board of directors is very interested in purchasing Selah.

Dennis C. has the contract from several years ago to review with Erlene at a future date.

Dave said he and Wilson McLaren returned the Selah Wi-Fi router to Charter Spectrum. The Athol Y will take care of it next year.

There was a discussion about the GB having a special meeting to review the By-Laws in-person after Sunday service on 11/19.

We will have an in-person Fair on Saturday, November 4th and Kathy Freeburn will host an online auction after the fair.

New Business

Donna Fife shared a tally of families served from the Food Pantry. Huger Action is very active.

Greendale Peoples Church Food Pantry Results. --- 2023

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Monthly Totals	Annual Total
January	7/16	9/17	6/13	9/15		31/61	
February	12/26	9/18	11/44	5/14		37/102	
March	7/20	8/24	4/14	8/27	13/43	40/128	
April	6/12	5/16	4/10	6/14		21/52	
May	7/14	6/11	5/10	7/18	4/11	29/64	
June	2/5	8/18	2/5	7/17		19/45	
July	5/13	7/27	7/23	6/17		25/80	202/532
August	7/8	8/27	2/5	7/17	12/36	36/93	
September	11/29	11/34	11/22	11/31		44/116	
October	9/34	8/24					
November							
December							

Karen made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk