

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2022

Hybrid meeting: in-person & Zoom conference call: Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Nancy White, Charles Whittall, Dennis O'Malley, Kim Paré

Guest: David Raphael

On vacation: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg

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

Dennis O. offered a prayer of thanks for this holiday week, our family/friends, and our church. Amen. We also offer up prayers of healing for Sandy Grayson, Bob Pierce, Charlie Whittall, Nancy White's mom, and Carolina Mata.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 10/25/22 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Charlie moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Pastor's update:

The pastor was not present to offer his monthly report.

Finance update:

Charlie Whittall said we have \$28k in the bank but, after payroll we'll have \$22k. Renovations of the flower room is about \$40k. so we'll have a significant deficit. There are two leaks in the room leading to the kitchen and another in the conference room from the recent rains. Rod White needs to inform Cole Contracting that we will not settle the final bill until the leaks are repaired and the fans are installed.

There was a donation from the Copeland Family to pay for two new computers in the office, a laptop, and foliage in the Garden Room.

The landscaper that completed the outdoor work is interested in completing the Garden Room as well. Carolina needs certain specs on the new laptop to be able to change the new electronic sign. Her Mac computer incompatibility does not allow her to complete the training and use software to change/monitor the sign.

Dennis has not followed up on the Ritacco Brothers until he gets on the PC in the GPC office.

Selah update: Dennis C. checked in with Deb Richards regarding getting an updated, current appraisal of the camp versus the "highest best use" that was previously obtained by the PMTF.

Annual Congregational Meeting is the 4th Sunday in January (1/22/23). Kim asked if we are mailing ballots to members before the congregational meeting. Karen Allen had sent them out at the beginning of the month for the last Annual Meeting. There was a discussion about being as inclusive as possible including streaming live via Zoom and having a posted phone number in case there are specific questions from anyone not present.

There are 3 seats for new Governing Board members: Bob, Charlie, and Nancy terms are up. Charlie and Nancy have decided not to be on the ballot. Bob is undecided.

25 people have signed up for the Harvest Pizza fest luncheon on Wednesday 11/30 with Pastor Doug, Karen Allen, and Carolina Mata.

The one-day Fair on 11/5 was a phenomenal fellowship event. There was a tremendous amount of help setting up, working the booths, and putting away. It was well received by the community and \$8k in income was received. It was the only church fair that weekend. It was well promoted on social media and brought people in. It was a wonderful fall day!

There was a discussion about whether Doug has completed annual evaluations for Carolina and Annie. The Employee Manual describes the process for the person to select a couple of people to provide information from their Team or the congregation at large for review with the pastor.

Charlie registered Jan Anderson for the ServeSafe training. She has the manual to prepare.

Hunger Action: We had 53 Turkey baskets last Saturday, 18 for GPC Food Pantry recipients & 35 for Rainbow families. The Food Hub popcorn people gave a bag for all of the Food Pantry recipients. The cost was \$2k and we only raised \$1500. \$800 had been in the bank from the previous year. Kim added that the cost of the same ingredients for Mustard Seed has increased by \$50 from the April-November costs.

Food Hub contract has been sent out & Nancy said she hasn't yet heard from Shon Rainford. She will check in after November wraps.

New Business:

There was no heat in the sanctuary last Sunday, so the service was moved to the chapel. Russ Vickstrom & Dave Raphael contacted private contractor Fred Taubert to do maintenance on the boilers. Ed Hache at General Mechanical has not returned phone calls for a service call of the thermostat. Charlie said the clocks may not have been adjusted for Daylight Savings Time. Dave said it may be the air handlers and air filters need to be looked at. It needs to work every week, even on the weeks we're in the chapel, for WIMS noontime services.

Stewardship campaign: Karen Allen sent out a mailing and a number of pledges have been received. This will help us forecast the budget. Dave said Karen is sending out an individual thank you to every person acknowledging their commitment. Several people have been asked to offer testimonials.

Charlie said the 2023 budget is as level funded as last year based on the expected, inflated increases for utilities and salaries, estimating pledges and income. We're still short about \$50k though.

Carolina ordered/received a new wireless microphone. This will be helpful for participants to be heard during the Annual Meeting in January.

VOTE: Kim made the motion for the Governing Board to go into Executive Session and allow guest David Raphael to stay for the discussion. Bob seconded. All in favor. Majority approved. One opposition and no abstentions.

Kim received a phone call this morning from a neighbor at the Francis Street entrance regarding a hit & run. Anthony asked if we could check our cameras for Sunday 11/20 @ 8:30 p.m. as his insurance isn't covering an accident on the street. Kim will check the office camera software for the playback next Sunday 11/27. Dave isn't sure the camera's view reaches across the street but maybe there's something there. Kim will call Anthony tomorrow and let him know.

Dennis C. said he had just received the Annual Report from McAuley Nazareth recognizing Kim's work there. He suggested a donation be made to this agency.

VOTE: Dennis O. made a motion for GPC to donate \$250.00 to McAuley Nazareth recognizing Kim's work on behalf of the population served. Charlie seconded. Majority in favor. No opposition and Kim abstained.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Dennis O. seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

The next regular Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk