

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023

Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Robert Converse, Karen Allen, Dennis O'Malley, David Raphael

Guest: Charles Whittall

Absent: Kim Paré

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:50 p.m.

Dave opened the meeting with a prayer of gratitude for the GB's service to the congregation and prayers for those who are ill. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from February 28, 2023, had been previously distributed and reviewed. Dave moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Pastor's update: During the past month, Ray LeBlanc passed. Doug has met with Charlotte and her sons to plan for the service on April 15 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with a collation to follow. Proto 4 has been notified. At their visit a few days before Ray's passing, he looked good but was not conversant. Doug was able to take a picture of Ray that Charlotte treasures. No other events this month. Dick Grayson has brought Bob Beck to our Sunday services and some other new faces have been noted. Carolina is back from vacation but she is sick and she is grieving the loss of her pet, Loki. Next week is Easter week: **Palm Sunday** is this coming Sunday; the readers are all set for **Maundy Thursday** on April 6 at 7 p.m.; and **Easter** will be in the sanctuary. Doug asked if in the summer we will hold all Sunday services in one place and Dennis C. pointed out that it was agreed by the congregation that we would rotate locations.

Finance update: Charlie Whittall said we're doing okay. He has borrowed an additional \$25,000 that includes \$10,000 from the scholarship fund. The scholarship checks have been mailed. These funds will cover the cost of the two new PCs, the bill from the water damage (\$5,761) and the Garden Room work. As for the water damage, the claim has been filed. David received an email from the claim company asking if there were any other bills for cleaning up after. He said that \$100 was paid to the sexton to do this. A check is expected in the next few weeks.

Dennis C. will continue to keep the Ritacco Brothers as an action item moving forward until resolved.

Selah update: Nancy White and the YMCA leadership emailed several times to review the site for water testing and anything else that needs to be done to open the camp. The Y will make the calls to get all the approvals and paperwork completed. Charlie asked if the contract was signed. Dennis said he will contact Nancy to check on the contract status.

Garden Room Status: Carlo Cimato painted the room and removed the planter in the center. The gardener has been in to remove all the plantings and prep the remaining soil and add new soil. The plan is to have it ready for Easter.

Servant Leader Directory Update: Karen has completed the compilation and the Converses have proofed it. It is ready to print. It will be available for everyone. Charlie suggested we email it to everyone and then only print a few copies. Karen will try to have it ready for this weekend if she is able to speak with Carolina about printing it as a booklet.

New Business:

Earth Day is on April 22: Carolina has submitted the paperwork where GPC will be sponsor at Burncoat Park. (Note: This will actually be Kendrick Field as it is closer to the GPC.) The city will distribute supplies for the cleanup and then pickup and dispose of the trash. Carolina will publicize this event on social media so the community is aware that they are welcome to participate. The cub scouts and their parents will be here at the church doing a cleanup so there will be a need for two or three GPC members here to supervise.

It was agreed that for the summer, Selah oversight is all set. The Whites will be contacts for the transition period until June 30 and then the Y will take over all work and responsibility through September. This gives us time to consider our next step. The Y is the most likely to purchase as the conservation group is no longer interested. If we put it on the general market then we cannot guarantee that the purchaser will continue to support our wish that it continue as a camp. If this cannot be done then we may consider going back to the congregation for further consideration. There was the neighbor whose sister was interested in the property as a camp, but this has not been confirmed. Once the camp is closed in September, there may be a need for someone at GPC or the Y to provide a minimum of oversight. Karen will be sure that the Whites will be listed in the Servant Leader Directory as liaison only until the end of June.

David and Rod White spoke recently about a concern that the skylights are leaking. They were not sure where this was occurring, in the Garden Room or the Friendship Room. Bob will check when he goes in on Sunday. Rod said that if it is in the Garden Room then Cole Contractors is to be called. If in the Friendship Room, then the contractors for that area renovation are to be called. Dennis C. thought that it would be Cole as they had inspected the roof and saw no problems. If needed, then another vendor may be contacted to get another opinion. This will be followed for future updates.

Charlie noted that Dave's Pest Control had a note on their last invoice indicating some spots for improving prevention of rodent admissions including replacing the screen over the vent in the bowling alley and replacing the threshold for the door leading into the kitchen on the left side of the building. This will further deter creature access to the first floor and the kitchen area.

The Board all wished the best to David Raphael on his upcoming surgery and to Dennis C. on his testing this week.

VOTE: Dennis O. made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid of in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Allen