

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023

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

Absent: Dennis Christo

This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m.

Karen opened the meeting with a prayer of gratitude for this day and healing for our family and friends. God be with us as we deliberate the business of the church. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 8/22/23 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dennis O. seconded. Unanimous approval by all present, no opposition, and no abstentions.

Pastor's update:

Three funerals since the end of August. Linda Nater, Ronald Carlson, and Russ Vickstrom. One baptism on 9/17. The Care Ministry continues to stay in touch with people to offer support and care, alerting Doug when requested.

Wednesday's Theology 101 in-person & livestreamed second class is tomorrow. Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen, will continue for 8 weeks which began last Wednesday, 9/20 at 11 a.m.

Back to School Pizza Party luncheon is tomorrow. Grade school memories will be shared.

Finance

Bob said we're \$10k under in pledges. Expense side is \$6k over budget for staff expense. Revenue is \$22k in the red but usual for this time of year.

There was a donation of \$5k for the Garden Room and we took money from the Memorial Fund to offset the cost. Similarly, the new PCs had a donor, and the cost was also offset from the Memorial Fund.

A draft 2024 budget has been drafted and will be finalized for the November GB meeting.

A one-year contract for M & R Construction's snow removal is in the works.

Donations of \$525. came in for Hawaii wildfire relief. Dave suggested increasing the total to \$800. All collected donations will go to Church World Services and the ICCC will send a consolidated check to Maui. There was a discussion to make a few more week's announcements at the close of each service.

Stewardship

Dennis C. has crafted an end of year letter and that will go out soon. A luncheon and short presentation will be held on October 8th for all volunteers. Dave (October), Kim (November), and

Bob (December) will share testimonials of what we do and why we serve on the GB to solicit people for the 3 open seats in January.

Old Business

Dave said that the update about maintenance on the roof will be set aside until the next GB meeting.

Bob Dirsa installed the new PCs and had to get a switch for the chapel to keep the strength of the Wi-Fi signal. We will write a thank-you letter to the Copeland family for their generous donation.

Sylvia Spencer has stepped up as the bookkeeper. She's able to do the accounts receivable and payable as she has been learning from Bob these last few weeks. She knows how to use Excel and made a spreadsheet for Hunger Action (Food Pantry, Worcester Fellowship lunches, Breakfast Bags, and Mustard Seed).

Dennis C. is going to speak to Erlene about the Bethlehem cabin at Selah. They have an agreement that if they're not going to use it by May 1st, GPC members may use it.

Dave and Dennis C. met with the Athol Y a few weeks ago. They are interested in purchasing the property upon completion of a property appraisal. Dave said we're still awaiting an update on the Selah appraisal.

We need to review the By-Laws if the Treasurer needs to be a member of the Governing Board.

We will have an in-person Fair on Saturday, November 4th and Kathy Freeburn will host an online auction on 11/3.

Karen made a motion to adjourn. Dennis O. seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk