

GPC Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022

Hybrid meeting: in-person & Zoom conference call: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg, Dennis Christo, Charles Whittall, Robert Converse, Nancy White, Kim Paré, David Raphael
This Zoom conference meeting commenced at 6:31 p.m.

Dennis thanked all members for their participation and good works over the last year.

Rev Doug offered a prayer for this day and for bringing us together virtually and in spirit. Blessings on our deliberations and the gift we are to each other as we work for GPC. Amen.

VOTE: The GB meeting minutes from 12/28/21 had been previously distributed and reviewed. Charlie moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

Old Business:

Charlie Whittall said we've paid our bills and we have money in our account. We have enough to keep operating.

Fran Langille and Anna Marsden have joined the Social Media Team with Russ Vickstrom.

Dave made a suggestion to have the landscaper give a bid in the spring for the grounds to the side of the church by the Leeds Street entrance. Charlie said she was also going to give a bid for the interior garden room but she's been very busy.

New Business:

Dennis gave a reply to the annual request from Selah's neighbor, Robert Patton-Spruill, to purchase the property. Last year he offered \$400k and this year he offered \$750k. Dennis politely declined both offers and the neighbor said he would ask again next year.

Ken White said he heard from Shanahan Sound System for an upgrade. Dennis said we may not have enough finances to support a technological upgrade. Charlie suggested having Shanahan Sound train our users on all the functions of the system as we're probably not tapping into all of its features.

Nancy spoke to Shon Rainford regarding Food Hub's new contract. He's expecting to lose about \$100k this year due to a lack of grants. They put a lot of money into the dishwasher and the appliances upgrades. His clients need Fisher Hall or another area for stuff & bag of their product. He said the trailers in the driveway were allowed to stay parked for \$1/day. We haven't seen any money come in from this original deal put forth by Russ Vickstrom with the Caribbean Food representative. Dave said the same is true of WIMS's cars parked there. Shon needs to communicate with those clients and inform them they either pay rent or move the vehicles out of the lot.

Nancy suggested dropping the monthly charges so he can afford the use of the space. There was a discussion about the increase in the cost of utilities, specifically electricity.

VOTE: Charlie made a motion that Food Hub's rent will be \$1500/month and \$500/month in utilities for 2022 for a total of \$2k/month. He will be issued 90 days' notice to renegotiate this contract by October 1st. Dave seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

VOTE: Dave made a motion to have the Food Hub clients pay \$40/month. If 2 month's rent is not paid by the end of February, we will tow the cars/trailers. Charlie seconded. Unanimously approved. No opposition and no abstentions.

There was a discussion about cleaning out the room across from the Sunday School Superintendent's office. Nancy will assess items to be junked, donated to Savers, and Sunday School materials for another church.

The details of the new annual contract with WIMS was discussed. It will be mailed and Doug will follow up with the pastors. CANA may not be returning since they do not have members returning for services.

Carolina sent out the Annual Report went out today. It looks great! It will be mailed 1/15/22 to the ten people that receive regular mailings. Everyone else will be emailed the report electronically and printed for handouts on 1/16/22.

The agenda of the meeting will be:

- A motion to approve the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting.
- A motion to affirm Rev Doug as the settled pastor. Requires 2/3rds vote of approval.
- A motion to approve the Governing Board nominees.
- A motion to approve the operating budget for 2022.

A quorum is 30 present members. Kim will ask Karen to print a members' list for sign-in attendance.

There was a discussion about the format, voice vote, of the Annual Meeting.

Charlie made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

The next regular Governing Board meeting is scheduled for hybrid & in-person & Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Paré, Clerk