

Gap Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Union Presbyterian Church, 5615 Union Road, Gastonia

Vision: Gaston Area Presbyterian Congregations working together to serve God

The mission of GAP is uniting, energizing, and transforming the church by creating opportunities for worship, fellowship and service together.

Attending were:

Beth Bolin	First Gastonia		Charles Davenport	Long Creek & Presbytery
Roger Rizk	First Gastonia		Sue Unnasch	Long Creek
Sam Warner	First Belmont		Ken Unnasch	Long Creek
Sue Johnson	First Belmont		John Pea	Robinson
Bill Glover	Southminster		Jean Faires	Robinson
Richard Dyer	Southminster		Judy Dunlap	Robinson
Wanda Murchison	Southminster		James Holeman	Union
Rose Brooks	Union		Jan McAbee	Union
Sue Lewis	Union			

I. Welcome and Introductions: Rev. James Holeman opened the meeting by asking everyone to tell 2 places they have been & name one place they want to go.

- Sue Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 15, 2018. Seconded by John Pea. Passed.
- Thanks to Sue Lewis who recorded minutes during the meeting.

II. Presbytery News – Charles Davenport

- Presbytery will meet Saturday, January 26 at First Presbyterian, Gastonia. Be there at 8:30 and meeting will start at 9:00. Christian Educators are asked to stay after the meeting to learn about a new online resource center.
- Staffing report from Presbytery is due in April.
- John Frye retired Sunday from First –Gastonia. They are in the process of calling an interim pastor.
- Ken Unnasch, Long Creek, reported on his trip to Guatemala this past Fall.
- Wednesday night, February 6 Rodney Sadler will be at First –Gastonia for supper and program. Dr Sadler is a faculty member of Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte and head of the Social Justice Center located on the campus. He will be speaking on Cultivating our Faith through Social Justice Ministries. Supper is at 5:30 with the program beginning at 6:00. Please call First Presbyterian Church (704-864-2651) to register if you wish to come for supper.

III. Other reports and items

- Habitat Update – Bill Glover
 - Dedication of the 13th GAP House – no date yet. Will send out email when confirmed.
 - House is all but finished. Siding will be done by the week-end.
 - Azalea Garden Club is going to plant flowers.
 - Habitat is in the process of re-organizing
- Camp Grier Work day – Bill Glover
 - Jason (Camp Director) will be in Gastonia at 4pm on Thurs, January 17 at Southminster & would like to meet with volunteers to discuss possible work projects.
 - The official date of the work day is Saturday, April 6

- Spring Mission Trips with Presbytery – Wanda Murchison
 - Two opportunities to participate
 - Wilmington – April 28-May 4
 - Lumberton – May 5-11
 - Applications are on the Presbytery website www.presbyterywnc.org. Look for box labeled “Disaster Assistance Trip” for the town you are interested in going.

- Guatemala – Beth Bolin
 - Members of the Leadership team and Education committee will be going to Guatemala soon. Two members from First - Gastonia will also go with Presbyterian Women to follow up on the micro loan project.
 - Another trip would take place in April or May. Members of the Education committee also going.
 - James Holeman suggested that representatives from a Guatemala trip talk about their visit at a future meeting.
 - Sandy & Brian Thompson-Royer, missionaries in Guatemala, will be at First-Belmont on Tuesday, Feb 12 from 4-6 pm at the Ford House on the church campus. (Please note this is a change in date that was announced at the meeting!)

- GAP Future –
 - John Pea and a smaller group of GAP would like all churches to consider hosting an ice cream social and hymn sing this summer, all on different dates, so that everyone in the community has the opportunity to be involved. Charles Davenport made a motion that John put together a letter to see who or what churches would like to participate. Motion passed.

- Night to Shine – Richard Dyer
 - Southminster hosting "prom" experience for individuals with special needs.
 - Friday February 8 is event date
 - Need church members that might want to help (serving as buddies or volunteers to help with food, registration, decorating, etc.). Time would be approximately 5pm till 9pm.
 - Volunteer registration at <https://wp.dyerweb.net/>. Registration includes a free background check to ensure safety of everyone in attendance.
 - Former Night to Shine volunteers that had a background check completed last year, will be waived this year. However, first time volunteers for the event would still be required to have a background check and the cost is covered by the Sheriff’s department.
 - Required training on January 28 or Feb 2.
 - If you cannot volunteer for the event, drop by the church during the day on Feb 7 & 8 to help decorate.

Announcements

- Robinson Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 5 from 5-8 pm, \$5.00 per person, children free
- Youth Triennium – July 16-20 at Purdue University. Information & application at www.presbyterywnc.org.

Next Meeting - Instead of meeting monthly, we are trying to meet every other month. The next GAP meeting will be in Monday, March 18 at 7pm. We hope you will consider sending a representative to GAP at Belmont First! Sue Johnson made motion to adjourn. Seconded. James Holeman closed the meeting with prayer.

To: Church Administrative Assistants

RE: GAP Information for Church Bulletin or Newsletter



In an effort to keep churches aware of how they can become involved in a service project, please include the following information in your church communication at the appropriate time and as you have room to include. In order for GAP announcements to be easily recognized, please include the GAP logo. Suggested times to include the information are noted in **red**. Thanks!

Announcement for now until Feb 2

Southminster Church is hosting a "prom" experience for individuals with special needs. Friday February 8 is event date. Church members that might want to help (serving as buddies or volunteers to help with food, registration, decorating, etc.) are needed! Time would be approximately 5pm till 9pm. Volunteer registration at <https://wp.dyerweb.net/>. Registration includes a free background check to ensure safety of everyone in attendance. Former Night to Shine volunteers that had a background check completed last year, will be waived this year. Required training on January 28 or Feb 2. If you cannot help that night, drop by the church during the day on Feb 7 & 8 to help decorate.

Announcement for now until Feb 3

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Announcement for now until Feb 10

Sandy & Brian Thompson-Royer, missionaries who have been in Guatemala, will be at First-Belmont on Tuesday, Feb 12 from 4-6 pm at the Ford House on the church campus. They will bring fair trade items from the women's cooperatives to sell at the get-together.

Announcement for mid-Feb until March 3

Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church is hosting a Pancake Supper from Tuesday, March 5 from 5-8 pm, \$5.00 per person, children free.

One time Announcement for now (until more info available)

Save the Date: Work day at Camp Grier is Saturday, April 6. Volunteers needed to help get camp ready. More information forthcoming.

Announcement for now until middle of April as you have room in your newsletter

Is God calling you to go on a Mission Trip? If so, there are several opportunities to help with disaster recovery efforts associated with the devastation caused by Florence.

- Wilmington – April 28-May 4
- Lumberton – May 5-11

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