

Gap Minutes

February 19, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Love's Chapel

Belmont

Vision: Gaston Area Presbyterian Congregations working together to serve God

Mission: The mission is to support and facilitate the efforts of congregations in Gaston County in their work to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hope in doing so is that we transform churches so that their members may find new life and new energy to respond to God's call and others will be attracted to them and their work.

Sue Johnson	Belmont First Presbyterian	Bill Glover	Southminster
Roger Rizk	Gastonia First Presbyterian	John Pea	Robinson
Beth Bolin	Gastonia First Presbyterian	Jackson Mott	Southminster
Charles Davenport	Long Creek & Presbytery	Gayla Woody	Southminster
Sue Unnaschs	Long Creek	Charles Whitesides	Third Street
Ken Unnaschs	Long Creek	Starla Littlejohn	Third Street
Sherry Lovell	Love's Chapel	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Third Street
Thelma Isles	Love's Chapel	Guy Wallace	West Avenue
Cora Slade	Love's Chapel	Paula Wallace	West Avenue
Libby Sigmon	Olney		

I. Welcome and Introductions:

John Pea, Robinson Memorial, opened the meeting. Sherry Lovell from Love's Chapel welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Rev. Charles Davenport provided the opening prayer.

- Minutes: The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- Martha Summers. Bill Glover and Jackson Mott attended an event hosted by Bobbie White to welcome Martha Summers as our new Presbytery missionary to Malawi. Several others had also had the opportunity to meet her and are excited about her ministry.

II. Presbytery News

- Charles Davenport reminded us about the importance of our ministry to Malawi by reminding us that Africa has more than 3 million Presbyterians and the US only has 2.1 million.
- The last Presbytery meeting was held at Lowell and went quite well.
- The Presbytery program, Pneumatrix, is moving forward and will help churches look at themselves. A couple of the GAP churches will be participating.
- Prayers are asked to continue for Eddie Deas and his family. Presbytery, Third Street and others continue to seek ways to provide support for this family.
- Presbyterian Mission Trip. The trip will be to West Virginia but further details will come later.

III. Other reports and items

- Malawi. As of today there are seven individuals who will participate in the one week trip the last of May.
- Camp Grier Day. Bill Glover reported that it is scheduled for May 5. Families and interested individuals are invited to come to the camp for the day. There will be a variety of activities scheduled like canoeing, horseback riding, and hiking. Poplar Cabin is being renovated and should be complete by May. More details to come.
- Easter. John Pea reported that plans are in place for the GAP Gazette Ad about Easter. It is a cost effective way for our GAP church to advertise our Easter activities. If interested, the churches need to get their Easter schedule submitted to John Pea.

IV. Announcements

- Third Street is hosting the Men Who Can Cook fundraiser on Friday, February 23 from 6:30 – 8:30.
- Love's Chapel will hold a fundraiser Yard Sale on March 17 starting at 7:00 am to noon. If you have items to donate call Sherry at 704-618-3910 and leave a message.
- Southminster trip to Guatemala – Jackson Mott reported that Southminster is planning a trip to Guatemala May 14. Currently five are signed up to go. Activities include building a house and visiting the sister church.
- John Pea thanked everyone for their support for the Robinson Memorial Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday.
- Southminster reported that Night to Shine was a huge success with approximately 500 guests and volunteers. The Gazette did a very nice job on the articles about the event.

V. Discussion of Future of GAP

John Pea introduced the discussed by referring the PNEUMATRIX study book, Canoeing the Mountains. He then shared three quotes and asked the group to divide into small groups focusing our attention around the quotes and how they may or may not inform the future of GAP.

When the group came back together and shared some of the small group discussion, we then looked at the new mission statements suggested from the Task Force Report. After discussion, the group agreed that our first priority for a new mission statement is:

The mission of GAP is to create opportunity for worship, fellowship and service together to unite, energize, and transform the church.

The group was asked to pray about the mission statement and we will vote on it at the March 19 meeting at Lowell. At that meeting we will also begin to look at organizational changes.

Next Meeting - Lowell First at 7pm - Monday, March 19, 2018.

John Pea adjourned the meeting and Rev. Sigmon closed 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 or event at another church, 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 March 5-17

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