

Gap Minutes March 20, 2017
Southminster Presbyterian Church 7:00pm

Location 1401 Hoffman Rd, Gastonia

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.

Attending were:

Gayla Woody	Southminster	Sue Lewis	Union
Libby Sigmon	Olney	Sue Eunasch	Long Creek
Guy Sellers	West Avenue	Ken Eunasch	Long Creek
Sylvia Sellers	West Avenue	Dan Oedy	Southminster
Jean Faires	Robinson	Charles Davenport	Presbytery & Long Creek
Jackson Mott	Southminster	Sue Johnson	Belmont
Bill Glover	Southminster	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Third Street
John Pea	Robinson	Jan McAbee	Union
Charles Whitesides	Third Street	Lois Camp	Third Street
Eddie Deas	Third Street	Martha Pelc	Dallas
Russ Pelc	Dallas		

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Dan Oedy pastor of Southminster Church, called meeting to order with prayer at 7:00 pm. Thanks to Bill Glover and Jackson Mott who provided delicious food.
- Libby Sigmon made the motion to approve the February 20, 2017 minutes with the correction of the spelling of her name. John Pea seconded the motion which passed with the correction.

II. Presbytery News – Charles Davenport

- Synod met last week at Massanetta Springs, Virginia. Our Presbytery had several grant applications pending. The application from Love's Chapel was approved for \$2100. Sylvia Sellers reported that it was a good meeting. A process was used where there was a speaker on three different topics and then questions with the Moderator about the topic. This happened several times during the Synod meeting. Sylvia said that she liked this format and learned a lot. See the Synod website for local church grant opportunities available.
- John Pruitt who has been pastor at New Hope, has received a call and currently Dan Oedy is serving as moderator as they prepare to call their next minister.
- Mt. Holly is in the process of calling a new pastor. He will appear before Presbytery at the April 25 meeting at Montreat.
- The New Directory of Worship will be voted on at the April 25 Presbytery meeting.
- Southminster is housecleaning and has old curriculum and music available if anyone is interested in it. Southminster will also have further discussion with Presbytery.
- Presbytery does pray for our churches when they meet.
- Kitty Rankin has been serving Bessemer City for three years. Kitty will need to step away because of her husband's health. Remember both of them in our prayers.

III. Other reports and items

- Report about Camp Grier promotion held Feb 26
 - Bill Glover reported that there was good attendance.
 - Currently, 70% of last year enrolled has already registered. If we continue we may have more registrations than can be handled.

- Camp scholarships are available still. Go through Camp office for these scholarships.
 - Presbytery thanks Southminster and Long Creek and others for their special work at Camp Grier
- Habitat Update – Bill Glover & Sue Johnson
 - Run for the Money donation. Be sure to put your name, church and GAP Habitat on any contributions to Run for the Money. Maybe a good idea to send a copy Run for the Money donation to Habitat. All contributions must be received by April 17.
 - GAP has built half of the Habitat Homes in Gastonia.
 - Fundraiser Update: Ken Unnasch, Bill Glover, Joanne Mitchell. More later
 - General Update. Sue and Bill
 - A good supply of eligible families are in the Habitat pool
 - There are two additional builds to finish on Pryor and then will be looking at some additional property opportunities.
 - Lee Nester, from First Presbyterian Gastonia, is the new construction committee chair and hope we will be able to get the GAP Build in a central location.
 - Habitat still does not have a contractor but they are still looking.
- GAP Easter ad in The Gazette – John Pea
 - Commitment & information due by March 20 meeting. John received about 13 commitments.
 - On dates of publication GAP will get three insertions and recommended this year for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Total cost is \$500 and will be divided between participating churches.
- Malawi Fundraiser – Jackson Mott
 - Still trying to pull it off but it will probably be another two weeks before we will know.
- Guatemala – Beth Bolin
 - Guatemala trip is scheduled for next month and 8 people are going and a youth delegation this summer.
 - A church in our Presbytery will be providing some assistance to the Guatemala church to help maintain their minister a little longer
 - The Mission Team has been assisting the Guatemala church to improve communications and relationships between the churches.
 - Another trip will be planned in the Fall (November-perhaps two) and a work trip before that.
 - There is some scholarship money in Presbytery to assist individuals who want to be on the team to Guatemala and need assistance. Apply to Presbytery (Marie).

IV. Announcements

- West Avenue has been in a partnership with Revolution Church. Revolution and West Avenue will give groceries to persons who come to West Avenue monthly starting on April 5.
- Robinson Pancake and Union Pancake were successful. Appreciation extended to those who attended.
- Remember the Third Street Pantry – third Wednesday of each month. Dish and laundry detergent, paper towel, toilet paper, and trash bags are high usage items. Thanks to Southminster because they show up every Wednesday with a truck load of supplies.
- The Third Street Fish Fry is May 19. (11:00 am – 6:00 pm)
- Union has three deaths in their church including Mary Lou Helms. We will miss her faithful participation at GAP.

- The Annual Highland Health Fair will be held on April 22 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm which will include a healthy lunch. There will be a variety of health screenings.
- The Highland Health Department has a Farmer's Market from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturdays during the Growing Season.
- Camp Grier work day is April 7, 8 and 9.
- Charles Sellers reported Thursday, March 30 there will be a movie release, Facing Darkness. It is a Samaritans Purse limited release movie about eboli. Gastonia will have a one day showing here. Contact Charles Sellers if you are interested in attending.

Next Meeting – Third Street 605 North Highland St, Gastonia – **7pm - Monday, April 17** Eddie Deas, presiding.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm with prayer by Dan Oedy.

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 April 1-21

The Annual Highland Health Fair will be held on April 22 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm which will include a healthy lunch. There will be a variety of health screenings.

Announcement for March 29 – April 7

Camp Grier work days are April 7, 8 and 9. Volunteers needed for various jobs to help the camp get ready for campers. Rhododendron Lodge has been complete renovated & will need water heaters installed (plumbing & wiring) and finishing the front porch as well as painting ceiling. Another project is landscaping at the camp entrance & around the director's house. Overnight accommodations are available (bring sleeping bag or twin sheets and towels, etc) and lunch will be provided on Saturday. For more information, call Camp Grier at 828-668-7793.