

Gap Minutes

March 19, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Lowell

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	Bill Glover	Southminster
Roger Rizk	Gastonia First	Joanne Mitchell	Southminster
Beth Bolin	Gastonia First	Jackson Mott	Southminster
Charles Davenport	Long Creek & Presbytery	Charles Whitesides	Third Street
Ken Unnaschs	Long Creek	Starla Littlejohn	Third Street
Joseph Taber	Lowell	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Third Street
John Pea	Robinson	Paula Wallace	West Avenue
Jean Faries	Robinson		

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Joseph Taber, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:07. He told us about the playground that was donated by funds from the sell of chicken pot pies.
- Correction of the spelling of "Malawi" on the minutes from 2-18-18. Sue Johnson moved minutes be approved as corrected. Roger Rizk 2nd. Passed.

II. Presbytery News

- Marsha Puckett will be retiring as of 3/20/18. Retirement celebration held at Morganton.
- The pastor of New Vision of Conover, Mark Osborne, died suddenly of heart attack at age 52. Please be in prayer for this family in the loss of their loved one.
- Next Presbytery meeting –Tuesday, April 24 at Montreat.
- Charles Davenport visited Rev. Eddie Deas last Thursday. He is in good spirits. Please continue to pray for the Third Street congregation & the Deas family. If congregations would like to take up a love offering for the Deas family, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Presbytery Mission trip to West Virginia May 20-26. Application form is attached and to be mailed to Western NC Presbytery ASAP. Cost is \$250.

III. Other reports and items

- GAP at Camp Grier - Saturday May 5
 - Bill Glover reported that this event is a good opportunity for congregations to participate and families can introduce their children to the camp.
 - Fee of \$8/person includes use of trails & canoes at lake.
 - Please have a contact from each church promote this event and let Bill Glover know a head count for lunch preparations, provided by GAP churches.
- Camp Grier Workday – Sat, April 14 – volunteers will be going on Thurs & Friday as well as Saturday. Bring your own yard tools. Sign up on Facebook to participate. Contact Bill Glover for more information.
- Easter Ad in Gazette – John Pea
 - 12 churches turned in information. Third Street will also participate. A proof is attached. If corrections are needed, contact John Pea ASAP as the ad will go in Gazette this week & will be printed 3 times prior to Easter. Cost, divided among the 13 churches is \$38.50/church.

- Guatemala – Beth Bolin
 - Beth passed out Guatemala partnership information to participating churches. A meeting of the partnership churches is Sun April 8 from 3 – 4:30 at First Presbyterian in Marion, (79 Academy St). Please ensure that someone from each church’s Mission Committee is in attendance. Beth is coordinating carpooling for those interested. Churches in Guatemala want copies of bulletins and newsletters, in order to keep the communication lines open.
 - Beth reported that the money raised from HOPE campaign is working in Guatemala.
- Rare hymnals & Bibles presentation – Joseph Taber
 - Joseph has a friend from Columbia Seminary that is willing to do a presentation on a Sunday afternoon, maybe late summer or early Fall. Wanted to know if GAP would be interested in sponsoring with Lowell. Consensus was yes.
- Report concerning Leadership Component of reorganization of GAP
 - Discussion started with the attached handout.
 - Mission Statement was revised from last meeting to read:
 - i. **The mission of GAP is uniting, energizing, and transforming the church by creating opportunities for worship, fellowship and service together.**
 - Sue Johnson moved that we accept the above stated Mission Statement. Charles Davenport 2nd. Passed.
 - Going forward
 - Looking at experimental innovations
 - How would agenda be different with a new Mission Statement?
 - Topics for discussion at next meeting

I. **Announcements**

- The oldest member of Bessemer City Presbyterian Church, Faye Belle Biggerstaff Deck, died this week. Roger Rizk encouraged attendance at the 11am service on Wednesday, March 21. Rev. Kitty Rankin Thompson will officiate the service and GAP churches are encouraged to attend.
- Robinson Memorial consignment sale will be April 26,27, 28. They will take clothes and consign for a 50-50 return. See attached flyer.

Roger Rizk moved to adjourn, Sue Johnson 2nd. Passed. Rev. Joseph Taber adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting - Monday April 16 @ 7pm – Mt Holly

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 now until April 10

Camp Grier Workday – Sat, April 14 – volunteers will be going on Thurs & Friday as well as Saturday. Bring your own yard tools. Contact your GAP representative for more information. Sign up on Facebook to participate at <https://form.jotform.com/80094503297963>

Announcement for now until mid-April

Presbytery Mission trip to West Virginia May 20-26. Mail application form to Western NC Presbytery ASAP. Cost is \$250. See attached flyer or the link at <https://presbyterywnc.org/uploads/media/pdfs/2018/pwnc-2018-wv-disaster-assistance-trip-20180305.pdf> .

Announcement for now until April 24

Robinson Memorial consignment sale will be April 26, 27, & 28. They will be selling ladies clothes & accessories and will consign items for a 50-50 return. See attached flyer.

Announcement for now until April 30

Camp Grier Day - Saturday May 5 - \$8 per person for use of camp that day. Great opportunity for families to introduce their kids to activities at the camp. Contact GAP representative from your church to register. See attached flyer.