

Gap Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 7:00pm
133 S Main St, Mt Holly-

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:

Judy Dunlap	Robinson	Jean Faries	Robinson
Sue Johnson	Belmont First	Libby Sigmon	Olney
Charles Davenport	Long Creek & Presbytery	Bill Glover	Southminster
Janet DeWater	Mt Holly	Joanne Mitchell	Southminster
Henry Pigg	Mt Holly	Jackson Mott	Southminster
John Pea	Robinson	Paula Wallace	West Avenue

- I. Welcome and Introductions:** Rev. Janet DeWater called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Using a creative devotion, Janet adapted parts from a recent church service at First-Mt Holly using Holy Humor.
- Libby Sigmon moved to approve minutes of last meeting Mar 19, 2018. Sue Johnson 2nd. Passed.
- II. Presbytery News – Charles Davenport**
- Presbytery meeting Tues April 24 at Montreat.
 - Rev. Eddie Deas recently received a \$2500 Synod grant. Third Street Church is doing a great job providing sitters when his wife is at work.
 - New Matrix program continues for churches that are involved.
 - Charles Davenport will attend a Board of Pensions forum in Columbia SC on Tuesday April 17.
- III. Other reports and items**
- Camp Grier Day – Bill Glover
 - Saturday, May 5 is GAP day at Camp Grier.
 - Day use fee of \$8/person includes use of trails & canoes at lake.
 - Open to families, children, and anyone interested in spending the day at Camp Grier.
 - Lunch will be provided if you will call or text Bill Glover (704-650-5892) or email bglover@texlonplastics.com no later than Mon April 30.
 - Long Creek & West Ave indicated at the meeting that they are sending participants.
 - Camp Grier Work Day – Held Saturday April 14. About 20 volunteers were there for work & lunch to help prepare the camp for camper.
 - Easter Ad in Gazette – John Pea
 - John Pea reported that one person visited Robinson & indicated that she saw the ad in the paper & that was why she attended Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at Union.
 - If your church has not paid, please send check to John @ Robinson.

- Guatemala – Bill Glover reported that 6 people from Southminster are going to Guatemala in May. They will spend some time with their sister church and then will build 2 houses in Guatemala.
- GAP – Report concerning Leadership Component of reorganization of GAP
After adapting a new Mission Statement, the question was asked: What does this mean? What does it mean in how we gather together? What would it look like to actually do our Mission Statement? We split up into 3 groups to discuss these questions. Summary of each discussion:
Group 1 had 3 points – establish relationships (i.e. Guatemala), partner with other churches to worship, share your expertise (something going on at one church could help at another).
Group 2 – GAP can be clearing house of activities that are happening at 16 churches or every other month meetings concentrating on 2 projects. Nothing is going to happen unless there is a champion for the projects that are done. Ministerial support is important. How to help other churches with projects (i.e. Night to Shine at Southminster)? Habitat such a big part of GAP. Hosting Presbytery meeting was a big coming together of GAP.
Group 3 – New Mission would bring projects for each church to get involved. Clergy Capers worked several years ago because it had a uniting element (asking for donations for good cause) and it was energizing – food & talent show. New YMCA with outdoor chapel provides possibilities for worship. Presbytery meeting sponsored by GAP went very well; however meeting when General Presbyter spoke in Gastonia was not well attended.

It took a long time for the big projects in the past to be organized and happen. Part of proposal from the committee that met back in the Fall. We will continue discussion at May meeting.

Announcements

- Presbytery Mission trip to West Virginia on May 20-26. Applications on Presbytery website. 2 spaces left!
- First Gastonia is hosting a Law Enforcement Community Disaster Response Panel on Wed April 18 from 6:30 – 7:30. All are invited.
- Classy Lady Consignment Sale at Robinson April 26-28. See flyer.
- Remember Sylvia Sellers from West Ave in prayers.

Motion to adjourn made by Paula Wallace. 2nd by Sue Johnson. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. DeWater.

Next Meeting – Monday May 21 @ 7pm – New Hope?

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 end of 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> . Only 2 spaces left!

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. Lunch will be provided if you will call or text Bill Glover (704-650-5892) or email bglover@texlonplastics.com no later than Mon April 30.