

GAP Minutes

Union Presbyterian @ 7:00pm

Location 5615 Union Road 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:

Jean Faires	Robinson	Bill Glover	Southminster
John Pea	Robinson	Joanne Mitchell	Southminster
Elizabeth Littlejohn	Third Street	James Holeman	Union
Starla Littlejohn	Third Street	Jan McAbee	Union
Lois Camp	Third Street	Sue Lewis	Union
Charles Whitesides	Third Street	Becky & Mya Stuman	Union
Charles Davenport	Presbytery & Long Creek	Libby Sigmon	Olney
Ken Unnasch	Long Creek	Beth Bolin	First Gastonia
Sue Unnasch	Long Creek	Jeff Kaylor	Mt Holly
Joseph Taber	Lowell	Warren Rhinehart	Mt Holly

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- James Holeman, pastor of Union Presbyterian Church, called meeting to order. Each person present introduced themselves & shared their favorite place in Gaston County. The ladies of Union church provided delicious food.
- The minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting were approved with motion by John Pea and 2nd by Joseph Taber. Passed.

II. Presbytery News – Charles Davenport

- Staff Change – Barbara Ross retiring June 30. Will be hiring a replacement
- Church Leadership School– taking applications now until Sept 1. Libby Sigmon, Ken & Sue Unnasch, & John Pea are all graduates of the program. Charles Davenport will teach Old Testament. Meets 11 week-ends, every other Friday night & Saturday in Morganton starting in Sept. Applications due by Sept 1. For more information, see link: <http://presbyterywnc.org/church-leadership-school>
- Mt Holly has called new pastor – Janet DeWater from Washington State.
- Bryan Hovey, past interim at Mt Holly, was received into our Presbytery.
- Hope Campaign – officially ended. Raised \$1.9M, or 80% of goal.
- Next Presbytery Meeting –Sat July 29 at Marion First. Anyone interested in carpooling – contact Joseph Taber at Lowell and they will take the church van.

III. Other reports and items

- Pulpit Exchange
 - At least 5 or 6 churches are in favor of participating including Union, Lowell, 3rd St, Robinson, Olney, & Long Creek.
 - Sept 24 or Oct 8 would be exchange
 - If your pastor is interested, please let GAP rep know by June meeting.
- Habitat Update – Bill Glover
 - Looking forward to a Fall build
 - Fund Raising will plan a meal (Ken Unnasch, Bill Glover, & Joanne Mitchell)

- Malawi Mission Trip –
 - Team left 5/13/17 and have arrived in Malawi
 - We stopped a moment to pray for our Mission Team there, led by Joseph Taber
 - There are more Presbyterians in Malawi than there are in the USA
- Guatemala – Beth Bolin
 - Had a wonderful time visiting Guatemala at Easter
 - Presbyteries in Guatemala have some of the same issues our Presbyteries discussed during the 1960's.
- James Holeman asked the question...GAP - Who we are and how do we want to move forward?
 - Are there things we can be doing together to expand the mission of GAP
 - What more can we be doing?
 - Maybe a review of GAP & how it came to be
 - Libby Sigmon moved, Sue Unnasch 2nd, that we have an agenda item for a future meeting to discuss future of GAP. Passed.
 - Ken Unnasch discussed idea of a retreat at Camp Grier to discuss and see what Hope Campaign money has done for Camp Grier
 - It was decided to add this as an agenda item for the June meeting. GAP members – please discuss with your Session & members what they would like GAP to be.
- Agenda for next meeting: Habitat Fundraiser, Pulpit Exchange, GAP future
- Joseph Taber moved that we don't meet in July; Libby Sigmon 2nd. Passed.

IV. Announcements

- Saturday, June 17 – Car show & Yard Sale at Robinson
- VBS – When is your church celebrating? James Holeman will be sending out email soon to collect date/times and distribute to all GAP churches.
- Southminster Yard Sale for Guatemala scholarship is Saturday, June 3
- June 25 is first Sunday for Mt Holly's new pastor
- Youth Council for Presbytery is taking applications. For rising 10th – 12th graders. Good for potential leaders in church. Due June 1. Application at http://presbyterywnc.org/uploads/media/pdfs/2017/pyc_application_2017.pdf

Joseph Tabor moved that we adjourn. Lois Camp 2nd. James Holeman closed the meeting with prayer at 7:53.

Next Meeting – West Ave Church, 1015 W. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia 7pm - Monday, June 19, 2017 Rev. David Lytle, presiding

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 June 3

Southminster Yard Sale for Guatemala scholarship is Saturday, June 3

Announcement for now until June 17

Saturday, June 17 – Car show & Yard Sale at Robinson Presbyterian Church

Announcement for Youth Leaders

Youth Council for Presbytery is taking applications. For rising 10th – 12th graders. Good for potential leaders in church. Due June 1. Application at

http://presbyterywnc.org/uploads/media/pdfs/2017/pyc_application_2017.pdf

Announcement for any time

Church Leadership School– taking applications now until Sept 1. Meets 11 week-ends, every other Friday night & Saturday in Morganton starting in Sept. It is a course of study designed to help you learn and grow in discipleship. Many people take the course for their own personal enrichment or to strengthen their ability to serve their church. Applications due by Sept 1. For more information, see link:

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