

Gap Minutes

Monday August 21, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Location: West Ave Presbyterian Church

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:

Sue Johnson	Belmont	Bill Glover	Southminster
Charles Davenport	Presbytery & Long Creek	Eddie Deas	Third Street
Ken Unnasch	Long Creek	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Third Street
Janet DeWater	Mt Holly	Starla Littlejohn	Third Street
Sandra Rhyne	Mt Holly	Dennis Godfrey	West Ave
Ann Medford	New Hope	Paula Wallace	West Ave
Ray Medford	New Hope	Molly Trosper	West Ave
Frank Smith	New Hope	David Lytle	West Ave
Libby Sigmon	Olney	Guy Wallace	West Ave
Jean Faires	Robinson	Charles Sellers	West Ave
John Pea	Robinson	Sylvia Sellers	West Ave

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Rev. David Lytle, pastor of West Ave, called meeting to order with prayer at 7 pm. The ladies of West Ave provided delicious food. Members introduced themselves.
- The minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting were approved by common consent.
- Members signed a card for Eddie Deas.

II. Presbytery News – Charles Davenport

- Prayer concerns:
 - Barbara Ross – eye problems
 - Kitty Rankin's husband, David Tompkins, passed on Saturday.
 - Eddie Deas – surgery on Wednesday
- Welcome Rev. Janet DeWater from Mt Holly First
- Rev. Chris Vacodo coming to New Hope – will preach September 10
- Foundation Forum @ Morganton 1st on Wednesday
- Eddie Deas elected vice moderator for Presbytery
- Next Presbytery meeting is Tuesday, October 24 @ 1st Asheville

III. Other reports and items

GAP – Past & Future –Task Force Report Libby Sigmon

- See attached report from Task Force meeting on July 12
- Group discussion followed.
- Suggested: 3 subgroups: Worship, Service, Fellowship
- Divide into these groups and each group come up with 2 projects in their area. Have some projects to attract people in congregations who cannot participate actively in things like Habitat build. (Older persons)
- May not have GAP meeting every month but every other month and subgroups would then meet in between to carry out project work. (GAP attendees would choose their own interest group.)

- Charles Davenport made motion to “receive report as information with members taking report to Sessions. Return input information from churches by January 2018 GAP meeting.” Seconded by John Pea. Motion approved.
- Charles Davenport will contact all ministers to be sure they are notified.

Pulpit Exchange on September 24, 2017

- Joseph Tabor (Lowell) to preach at West Ave
- Charles Davenport (Long Creek) to preach at Union
- Libby Sigmon (Olney) to preach at Lowell,
- James Holeman (Union) to preach at Robinson
- John Pea (Robinson) to preach at Olney
- David Lytle (West Ave) to preach at Long Creek.

Habitat Update – Bill Glover & Sue Johnson

- Groundbreaking Sun Sept 10 223 Tanner Street (off 321 South) @ 3pm
- Bill Glover reported that the foundation is not ready. Hopefully by the 10th, but it will be ready for the September 16th work day
- The youth from 1st Presbyterian and St Mark’s will be building headers and doors to be used on the first framing day.
- Sept 9 – 1st framing day. Because the slab will not be ready until the September 16th work day, we will build walls at Gwin Hilton’s house on Montclair Ave.
- Sue Johnson is seeking volunteers to bring food for ground breaking. So far Sam Warner, John Pea, & Long Creek have signed up to bring cookies.
- Schedule for build not ready yet.
- Bill needs a contact person name & phone number from every church. He will be in contact with those about hosting a Saturday during the build. Please email bglover@texlonplastics.com or call 704-650-5892.
- Dedication scheduled for December 10

Announcements

- Presbytery sponsoring Mission Trip Oct 8-13 to Kinston to help with flood relief. Cost is \$150. http://presbyterywnc.org/uploads/media/pdfs/2017/pda_trip_oct_2017.pdf for more information.
- Third Street sponsoring Alzheimer’s education program Wed Sept 13 from 11:30 to 12:30. Free lunch for attendees. Link to flyer at <http://thirdstreetpc.wncpresby.org/MISC/091317%20Sept%202017%20Lunch%20&%20Learn.pdf>
- Hymn Sing & Ice Cream @ West Ave Sunday August 27 @ 5pm
- Celebrate marriage of Rev. John Frye @ 1st Gastonia on Saturday, August 26
- Christian contemporary singer Mark Lee from Third Day at 1st Gastonia Sunday, Sept 10 @ 7pm – must make reservation @ www.fpcgastonia.org. See attached flyer.
- Matt Conner ordained @ 1st Gastonia on August 13. Called to Newell Presbyterian in Charlotte.
- Prayer request for Jeraline Truesdale (3rd Street) who lost a son in Washington, DC.
- Camp Grier – Dogwood gutted and ready to put back together. Popular to be renovated next.

Next Meeting – Dallas First - 412 West Trade St, Dallas. 7pm – 9/18/17 Bob McCully, presiding. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with the Lord’s Prayer by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Wallace

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!

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