

Gap Minutes

Monday, August 20, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Southminster Presbyterian Church -1401 Hoffman Road., Gastonia

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:

Joanne Mitchell	Southminster	John Pea	Robinson
Jackson Mott	Southminster	Paula Wallace	West Avenue
Bill Glover	Southminster	Charles Sellers	West Ave
Dan Oedy	Southminster	Sylvia Sellers	West Ave
Ken Unnasch	Long Creek	Sue Unnasch	Long Creek

I. Welcome and Introductions: Rev. Dan Oedy opened the meeting with prayer at 7:06pm. All approved the Minutes of last meeting June 18, 2018.

II. Presbytery News –

- Presbytery July meeting
 - i. Good meeting
 - ii. John Pea asked our thoughts about the communion service held at Presbytery and everyone agreed it was neat.
- West Ave
 - i. GAP churches have prepared a booklet about each of our churches which will be given to members of West Ave as they prayerfully decide where God is calling them to be after West Ave closes.
 - ii. Closing service at West Ave on Sun Sept 30 at 3pm.
- Rev. Vasco Kachipapa Banda, General Secretary (CEO) of the Synod of Nkhoma, Malawi, had a good visit at prayer lunch at First Gastonia last week. Several GAP members dined with him that evening.
- Anyone interested in the Church Leadership School, classes start in September. <https://presbyterywnc.org/church-leadership-school> for more information.

III. Other reports and items

- Habitat Update – Bill Glover
 - Slab is poured at the Habitat House on 219 Tanner Street in Gastonia. See attached picture.
 - Still need host churches on Saturdays during the Fall for lunch and/or team lead for the work day. Please let Bill Glover (bglover@texlonplastics.com) know if your church can host lunch and/or be the team lead.
 - Groundbreaking this Sunday, Aug 26 at 3pm. Please announce at your church this week.
- Mission Trip with Presbytery – Joanne Mitchell
 - <https://presbyterywnc.org/uploads/media/pdfs/2018/september-2018-lumberton-trip-app-revised-20180807.pdf> Link to Lumberton trip Sept 16-22

- <https://presbyterywnc.org/uploads/media/pdfs/2018/october-2018-fayetteville-trip-app-revised-20180807.pdf> link to Fayetteville trip Oct 16-20
- 9 of 15 spaces are taken for Lumberton trip in Sept.
- List of items still available for churches from West Ave – Paula Wallace
 - Adult choir robes (30)
 - Children’s choir robes (9)
 - Blue hymnals
 - Funeral Pall
 - Bible maps on stands (3)
 - 7 ft wire covered wooden cross (for use at Easter)
 - Lecterns
 - Console piano
 - Choir Music
 - Contact Paula Wallace at phwgaw@gmail.com if interested.
- Guatemala –
 - 22 people will be going from Presbytery on Nov 8-15 to visit the partnership churches in Guatemala. 3 from Long Creek will go as well as people from Mt Holly and Gastonia 1st.
- GAP – Report concerning Leadership Component of reorganization of GAP
 - John Pea suggested that a team of people go to each church to try to find out what each church wants from an organization like GAP. Everyone consented.

IV. Announcements

- Closing service at West Ave on Sun Sept 30 at 3pm. .
- Habitat House Groundbreaking Ceremony – Sunday Aug 26 at 3pm – 219 Tanner Street, Gastonia
- Hymn Sing (ice cream & dessert) at West Ave on Sunday Aug 26 at 5pm
- Sept 23 – Long Creek hosting Baked Potato & Salad Bar after church (12:30-1:00ish) – free will offering & money used as fund raiser for Guatemala.

The group decided to not meet in September.

Next Meeting – Monday Oct 15 – checking with Third Street about hosting.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Dan at 8:07.

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 Sun Aug 26

- GAP Habitat House Groundbreaking Ceremony will be this Sunday Aug 26 at 3pm. The home is located at 219 Tanner Street, Gastonia.
- After the Habitat event, join West Avenue in an Old Fashion Hymn Sing, complete with ice cream & dessert. Singing starts at 5pm.
- Anyone interested in the Church Leadership School, classes start in September. <https://presbyterywnc.org/church-leadership-school> for more information. Many people take the course for their own personal enrichment or to strengthen their ability to serve their church. For others, the program is designed to meet some (but not all) of the requirements leading to commissioning as a Commissioned Pastor.

Announcement for Sept 1-23

- Sept 23 – Long Creek Presbyterian Church is hosting a Baked Potato & Salad Bar after church (12:30-1:00ish) – A free will offering will be taken & the money will be used as a fund raiser for members going to Guatemala in November.

Announcement for the month of Sept

- Closing service at West Ave will be held on Sun Sept 30 at 3pm.