

Gap Minutes

Monday, Oct 21, 2019 @ 7:00pm

First Presbyterian Church Gastonia - 1621 E Garrison Blvd

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:

Lauren Vanacore	First Gastonia	Joanne Mitchell	Southminster
Ken Unnasch	Long Creek	John Pea	Robinson
Sue Unnasch	Long Creek	Sue Johnson	First Belmont

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Lauren Vanacore, pastor of First-Gastonia, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm with prayer.
- Russ Kinney, with Care Net Counseling, introduced himself to the group. He is available for spiritually integrated counseling. His office is at First Gastonia. See Announcements for more information. Nov 6 he will be presenting a program on electronic addition. Dinner at 5:30. No reservation needed.
- The minutes of the 8/19/19 & 9/16/19 meeting were approved by common consent.

II. Presbytery News –

- Bobbi White will retire on October 31st. The EP search committee is working on filling that position
- Presbytery will hold its fall stated meeting at Grace Covenant, Asheville on Saturday, October 26th.

III. Other reports and items

- Fall Habitat Build –Sue Johnson
 - Some folks are going Thurs to put walls on the trailers
 - Not sure if building this Saturday. Email will alert everyone.
 - Discussion about Youth participating. Must be at least 16 to participate. Probably when the landscaping is done would be a good time to advertise for youth.
- GAP Scholarship Fund for Ebenezer
 - Funds raised to date are \$97,381
 - Is your church doing anything special to raise funds? We would like to reach the \$100,000 goal by the end of 2019. If your church is in the process of raising funds, please email Joanne (jmmitchell22@earthlink.net) to let her know so we can estimate if the goal will be met this year.
 - Robinson has already had a fundraiser & donated.
 - Ken will check on Long Creek raising funds.
 - Southminster has requested a foundation grant from their mission committee.
- Guatemala
 - Micro-loan trip in February
 - January – anniversary of partnership
 - If interested in attending either trip, see the Presbytery website
- Mission Trips with Presbytery – Joanne Mitchell
 - Malawi June 4 - 16, 2020 The application deadline is December 31, 2019.
 - Delegation trip to Guatemala has been scheduled for May 14-21, 2020. Application deadline has been extended to November 1st, 2019. Link to application: <https://files.constantcontact.com/43a84ca7401/cfab6d15-e254-45c0-9d67-62c0f4edeb20.pdf>
 - New Bern – 5 of 8 participants were from Gaston County
 - Wilmington – November 3-9, 2019 – If interested in going, contact Presbytery ASAP.

- Presbytery Mission Committee reaching out to churches
 - Joanne Mitchell & Sue Johnson are reaching out to various GAP churches to meet with local mission committee members for a fact finding meeting about how Presbytery committee could help local church
- Advertisement in Gazette for Christmas Services
 - Please notify John Pea (jpsmail1@bellsouth.net) if your church would like to participate. Cost depends on how many churches participate. Deadline Dec 9 to get information to John.
- Lease papers for West Avenue Church should be signed tomorrow for Revolution Church to lease with an option to buy after 2 years.

Announcements

- On Sunday, Nov 3 from 11:45 – 3:00 First Presbyterian-Belmont invites you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our Fair Trade Sale of handmade goods by Guatemalan women. All proceeds will go directly to the artisans. Hope to see you there! Will accept cash, check, & debit.
- Long Creek invites GAP churches to join in Worship on Sun Nov 3 at 11am for Dr Charles Davenport's retirement Sunday. Lunch will be serve at 1pm. No reservations needed.
- Saturday, Nov 2 at Robinson Memorial will have Women of the Church Bake Sale – 8am until 1pm or when food runs out.
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- Thurs Nov 14 – Marsha Mount Shoop (pastor at Grace Covenant in Asheville) – will speak about the balance between faith & athletics at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome.
- Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service at First Gastonia on Sunday, Nov 10 at 11am. All are invited.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Lauren at 7:40

Next Meeting – January 13 (2nd Monday) @ 7pm – Long Creek. Supper at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00.

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 one more week

- Interested in helping folks rebuild their home after two hurricanes? PDA trip to Wilmington – November 3-9, 2019. For an application, go to <https://presbyterywnc.org/>

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