

Gap Minutes

Monday, Nov 20, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Long Creek Church - 701 Long Creek Road

Kings Mountain, NC 28086

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.

Beth Bolin	First Gastonia	Bill Glover	Southminster
Otis Whitehurst	Long Creek	Jackson Mott	Southminster
Ken Unnasch	Long Creek	Joanne Mitchell	Southminster
Sue Unnasch	Long Creek	Charles Sellers	West Ave
Libby Sigmon	Olney	Sylvia Sellers	West Ave
John Pea	Robinson	Paula Wallace	West Ave

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Ken Unnasch welcomed the group to Long Creek at 7:05pm. Delicious refreshments were served, especially the bacon wraps. Ken opened the meeting with prayer.
- Libby Sigmon moved to approve the Minutes of last meeting on Oct 16, 2017. Paula Wallace 2nd. Motion passed.

II. Presbytery News –

- Ken Unnasch reported that the Spindale Church has sold.
- Charles Sellers reported that the Presbytery Budget & Finance Committee met last week & approved a 2018 budget, which will be submitted at January Presbytery meeting in Lowell.

III. Other reports and items

- Christmas Ad in Gazette – John Pea
 - Participants to date include: Mt Holly, First Belmont, Southminster, Long Creek, Olney, West Ave, First Gastonia, New Hope, Lowell, Union. John will check with other churches not listed here.
 - Ad would be published on Wed Dec 20th, Sat 23rd, & Sun 24th.
 - Total cost is \$500 for ad, to be split among participating churches.
 - Information about your church services should be emailed to John Pea at jpsmail1@bellsouth.net by Dec 15.
- Habitat Update – Bill Glover
 - Challenging year
 - Habitat has a new construction supervisor

- Interior trim completed last Sat. A couple of more Saturdays & house will be completed.
- Dedication date TBD.
- Operation Christmas Child – Jackson Mott
 - 50 volunteer slots reserved for GAP for Fri Dec 1 from 7-10pm.
 - Long Creek is only church that has responded.
 - Contact Jackson via email at fjacksonmott@gmail.com no later than Wed Nov 29 to attend, otherwise the slots will be returned. Jackson will send an email invitation to pre-register, which must be completed before arrival.
- Camp Grier Day –
 - Members remembered good times in the past at Camp Grier.
 - Long Creek Church most recently spent an October week-end there.
 - Most people agreed that to have a day trip to Camp Grier would be good. Purpose would be seeing what the Hope Campaign money has done to improve the facility. Need to arrange bus transportation & several options like day trip or overnight.
 - Next step – firm up date with Jason (May 5 or 12) – Bill Glover to follow-up with Jason.
 - More planning at January meeting.
- GAP – Past & Future
 - Comments from churches included:
 - If you have committee meetings one month & large meeting next month then it seems harder to get anything done.
 - Comment about getting an Executive Committee who branches out to recruit others to participate.
 - Try to get more involvement
 - Add to your Session agenda to discuss:
 - What should GAP do in the future? How does GAP fit into the lives of the current congregations?
 - This will be top discussion item at January meeting.

IV. Announcements

- Keep Eddie Deas in your prayers. His address is 3020 Apple Orchard Place, Dallas, NC 28034 if you want to send a card.
- Recently West Ave had T'giving service with Loray Baptist.
- West Ave having Christmas Cantata at Covenant Methodist on Dec 10 at 11am
- Robinson having T'giving service at Mt Pisgah Church on Wed Nov 22 at 7pm

Next Meeting – Will not meet on 3rd Monday, which is MLK Holiday. We will meet on 4th Monday, January 22nd at 7pm – Robinson will host.

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 Nov 22 – Dec 9

The combined choirs of West Ave and Covenant Methodist Church will be presenting a Christmas Cantata on Sunday Dec 10 at 11 am at Covenant Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.