

**Gulf Cove United Methodist Church**  
*Helping Everyone Meet, Know, and Serve Jesus*  
**Cluster Charge/Church Conference**  
**November 5, 2012 – 6:30 PM**

**Attendees:**

Rev. James A. Mitchell (Presiding Elder from Grace UMC Venice)	Tippy Burgess Ralph Calladine Larry Dalton	Betty Hansell Carol McGuire David Pentz	Linda Starck Rick Starck Carol Teague
Rev. Dr. Bill Fisackerly Doreen Alvarez Maxine Burgess	Kim Fisackerly John Furtado Joyce Furtado	Gayla Pentz Joan Priest Shirley Smith	Dana Hanson

A joint worship service was held at Englewood UMC at 6:30pm, attended by church members from Trinity North Port, Boca Grande, Slavic Christian Fellowship Venice, Englewood, and Gulf Cove. Each church made a short presentation, and then the South West District Superintendent Rini Hernandez delivered the sermon. After the service, those present broke into church workgroups.

Rev. Mitchell led the breakout session of Gulf Cove UMC, starting at 8:00pm with a prayer.

Recording Secretary: The vote was unanimous in approving Dana Hanson as Recording Secretary for 2013.

State of the Church: Rev. Fisackerly reviewed our Missional Vital Signs Goals, as set forth in the agenda:

	<b>2012 GOALS</b>	<b>2012 YEAR-TO-DATE</b>
Passionate Worship	437 average attendance every Sunday	379 average attendance. It is unlikely we will reach this goal, as it would require 600 people attending Sunday services each week thru the end of the year.
Radical Hospitality	15 first-time professions of faith	10. Several individuals have recently indicated they wish to join GCUMC.
Intentional Discipling	300 people in small groups	113. It is believed that not all small groups are accurately reporting their attendance.
Salty Service	56 people reporting at least one hour of service outside the church each week	30 average per week.
Extravagant Generosity	\$377,675	\$204,446. We are on pace for having all our bills paid thru the end of the year.

Rev. Fisackerly said he really believes that the only way for GCUMC to grow is for *everyone* to become serious about small groups.

Membership: This portion of the meeting involved removal of individuals from the church's roles. A vote was taken regarding the four individuals on the third-year list. After discussion, the vote was unanimous that they be removed as GCUMC members.

Pastor's Compensation: SPR Chairman Ralph Calladine discussed Rev. Fisackerly's proposed compensation for 2013. SPR recommends that his salary not be increased for next year, that it remain at \$69,872.00. Instead, he should receive a \$250 per month utilities allowance (\$3,000 total for the year). This recommendation has been approved by the Finance Committee and the Ad Council. After discussion, the vote was unanimous that SPR's recommendation be approved.

Apportionments: Finance Chairman John Furtado discussed the church's connectional giving. The total Apportionments due for 2012 is \$40,517, and to date, \$32,597 has been paid. We are on course for paying the balance due by the end of the year. Based on certain of our financial statistics, our total Apportionments due for 2013 should be \$41,369. After discussion, the vote was unanimous that the proposed Apportionments for 2013 be approved.

Lay Leadership: Rev. Fisackerly reported that the Lay Nominations Committee has compiled a list of proposed leaders for 2013. This leadership roster for next year (the last page of the agenda handout) was reviewed. The names of individuals who have agreed to accept new positions are in red. Pen-and-ink notations needed to be made as follows:

- JoAnn Hopkins has indicated she is willing to stay on as chairman of the Trustees if no one else steps forward
- Ralph Calladine agreed to be SPR chairman when he's not north
- Joan Priest and John Furtado need to be added to Lay Nominations under the Class of 2015
- John Furtado has indicated he is willing to stay on as chairman of Finance if no one else steps forward
- Cindy Kussow has to step down as Education Chairman, as she will be away from this area for much of the near future
- Vacancies still exist for Outreach Chairman and Children's Home Representative

After discussion, the vote was unanimous to accept all nominations as listed on the 2013 Leadership Roster.

Candidate for Ordained Ministry: Shirley Smith indicated she would like to continue her pursuit of becoming an ordained minister. The vote was unanimous to renew Shirley's continuing candidacy.

Lay Servants: Doreen Alvarez and David Pentz both indicated they would like to continue in this position. The vote was unanimous that Doreen and David continue as Lay Servants.

Adjourning: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Bill Fisackerly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Hanson