

GICC Council Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2026

In attendance: Yadi Young, Julie Pingree, Anne Casperson, David McKibben, Leslie Tysseling, Bob Anderson, Sue O'Donnell, Carol Steffy and Don Passarelli

10:44AM – Yadi opened the meeting with a lovely prayer.

Agenda for today was approved

Minutes from April were approved as corrected by email.

Treasurer's Report

- UCF investments are up at the close of April
- 1st quarter payroll taxes are finished
- We have 2 outstanding checks being looked into
- We received our first online donation via VANCO - \$250 – as a reminder this is not actually what we take in. Due to fees we deposited \$242.30
- David has put in a request for a new CD when the one in June matures. He'll be travelling so he took care of this ahead of time.
- Leslie continues to write thank you notes to all non-regular contributors.
- We need a new endorsing stamp. Leslie will check into this at the bank.

Worship

We'll be having a Quaker Meeting once each month. Ted and Susan Huffman will be traveling this summer so not on the schedule.

Pantry

LOTS of great donations lately. Prayers are needed for Mom of Mom's Cupboard.

Spirit of Guemes

- Working towards obtaining 501c 3 status
- Purple Points Conversations are ongoing. Please come to our next one on Sunday, June 7 at 11AM for a collaborative conversation on the topic of IMMIGRATION.

Art Gallery

- OPEN - Lynn Prewitt, Carol Steffy and Sequoia Ferrel are showing their pieces.
- Bob is thinking of presenting to council the set up duties for opening a show in order to help spread the work around to more people and to increase awareness.

- Bob will have a future report on options for hanging art.

Buildings and Grounds

- Dana Andrak is mowing. She charges \$50/hour

Wider Church

- Phil is leaving on June 1. He's going to the Missouri Conference. The last conference hour with him will be Wednesday, May 20 – 9-11AM. These sessions have been very informative.
- Yadi will write a Thank you to Phil
- STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING – this has really helped out regional body. This year it will be on Sunday, May 24.
- Moderators meetings that Phil has held while he's been in our conference have been well received and he plans to do something similar in his new position. Yadi mentioned that she attended once and it wasn't a good fit because we are such a small congregation.

Old Business

- Sunday, June 21 at 2PM is the Strawberry Social. Julie is organizing getting all groups that use the Spirit of Guemes Center to be there.

New Business

- GICCA has asked to move the holiday dinner to the Spirit of Guemes Center. Leslie has booked the entire day for cooking, celebrating, eating and clean up.
- Amanda Snelson's Baptism – It was moved and approved to allow Don Burnett to preside. Maybe North Beach for a location? We are VERY EXCITED!
- GICCA Newsletter – we decided that we've done what we wanted to do in describing the differences between GICC, UCC and SoG. Going forward we will only seek to put announcements of upcoming events in the newsletter.
- Congregation Renewal Cohort – Pacific School of Religion – this is something that Donna of SoG is interested in. She wanted to reach out to see if anyone from GICC was interested. You need a cohort of 3-4 individuals. She is thinking of asking Angie, Amanda and Stephanie. Leslie is thinking about it. GICC is thinking of some sort of financial support if it should happen – perhaps a specified amount to those who successfully complete the course. It's quite expensive ~\$2000.

11:48AM – Moved and approved to adjourn.