

# Vision Statement

Yellowstone Presbytery--  
guided and sustained by  
Scripture, the Holy Spirit,  
and prayer---is a  
community rooted in the  
love of Jesus Christ.

We will . . . **Gather  
Together** for God's  
glory and spiritual  
synergy\*

**Equip and Encourage**  
disciple- making  
congregations and  
leaders for living the  
Gospel...intentionally  
becoming more like  
Christ; ably sharing our  
faith; impacting our  
communities;  
worshipping in loving  
response to God; and  
mutually supporting and  
training leaders.

**Go Out** to join Christ in  
Christ's mission in our  
communities, Montana,  
and the world...  
embodying and sharing  
Christ's Good News;  
loving and serving, as  
we are commanded, in  
our words, actions, and  
relationships.

\*Synergy: from the  
Greek syn-ergos,  
*συνεργος* meaning  
working together

## Yellowstone Presbytery Leadership Cabinet

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 10 AM – 1:30 PM  
First Presbyterian Bozeman

*The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teaches, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, . . . – Ephesians 4:11-12*

- 10:00 Convene  
Christ candle, roll call & quorum, approval of  
docket, approval of minutes from May 2, 2017  
  
Word-Share-Prayer
- 10:30 Goals 2017
- 11:00 May Presbytery Meeting debrief & looking forward  
to November
- 12:00 Presbytery Sunday preparations  
Pastor Possibilities . George, Steve  
Whitworth Fellows . Kathy  
Growing Young Grant . Kathy -  
Preaching & Spiritual Formation cohort - George  
Personnel functions of LC . George & Kathy  
Insurance . Jack  
St. Timothy  
Oswego
- 1:30 Dismissal of Business with adjournment to lunch

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Present were:**

Susi Ennis  
Jack Bell  
Suzanne Bratzky  
Jed Cauffman  
Paul Hellend  
Dan Holland  
Teresa Kendall

**Absent:**

Kristin Willett  
Steve Weber

**Also present:**

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter  
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk

- 1. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Susi .
- 2. Christ Candle** –Susi lit the Christ candle.
- 3. Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
- 4. Docket** – The docket was approved with additions.
- 5. Minutes of April 4, 2017** -  
√ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting.
- 6. Word –Share- Prayer** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Acts 2:42-47. There was a time of reflecting on this passage to see how it was speaking to individuals and to us as LC. Susi closed this time with prayer for concerns that had been shared.
- 7. LC Goals for 2017** – The group spent time looking at the 2017 goals and reflecting on progress that has been made. George reviewed some of the Co-General Presbyters' report that was written to tie into the goals of the cabinet. It was agreed that things are going well but, goal #3 could use some more emphasis. Presbytery Sunday will be October 8, 2017. Another LC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 8. Planning for May Presbytery Meeting**– Kathy reviewed the plans for the May Presbytery meeting. After the break on Friday afternoon, there will be options for three different groups to attend. Teresa offered to contact churches to ask them about sharing at the meeting. It was suggested that the clusters be asked to consider some equipping activities using the Stan Ott materials. Word/Share/Prayer options could be provided. There is a need for curriculum to be written to go along with the DVD from the February meeting which could make the DVD more practical to use at session retreats or officer training events.
- 9. Lunch** – Jed offered prayer for our meal and the LC took a break for lunch.
- 10. Vice Moderator of Presbytery** – It is the consensus of the LC to recommend that in order to fulfill the vision and structure of the Presbytery and to provide continuity, to leave the Vice Moderator of Presbytery position open for 2017 and to have the 2018 Vice Moderator come from the existing Leadership Cabinet.

- 11. Standing Rules for term for Moderator of Presbytery** – There is currently not a vice moderator of Presbytery and Jack Bell would agree to serve another year as Moderator of the Presbytery.
- √ The LC approved a motion to recommend that the Presbytery set aside for one year (2018) the Standing Rules regarding the term of service of the Moderator of Presbytery in order to allow the Moderator to serve a second year and to elect Jack Bell as Moderator for 2018.
- 12. Proposed Standing Rules Changes regarding Ruling Elders as members of Presbytery – The** proposed change would give membership and vote to Ruling Elders while serving on the Leadership Cabinet and to Ruling Elders while serving as a Synod Commissioner.
- √ The LC voted to present the first reading for changes to the Standing Rules S2.06 (see attached).
- 13. Insurance** –No report at this time as Jack is still working with the agent. Debbie mentioned what she had heard about Cyber Insurance that was purchased by Plains and Peaks Presbytery. Jack will discuss this with our agent also.
- 14. Co-General Presbyters Report** – Kathy reviewed some additional items from their report including an update on the Whitworth Fellows.
- 15. Pastoring Possibilities for Yellowstone Presbytery** – George had sent out an updated report by email. He would like to present this information at the May Presbytery meeting. George pointed out that several of our churches want a full time pastor but cannot afford one.
- 16. Preaching and Spiritual Formation Cohort** – The group for Yellowstone continues to meet. There will be additional instruction at Whitworth this summer. New people are encouraged to attend.
- 17. Budget** – Dan Holland reported that finances are going well. George reminded us that we will no longer have the Synod grant in 2018 so major adjustments in the budget will need to be made. A finance team of Dan Holland, Sheryl Hallin, George and Kathy Goodrich, Debbie Blackburn, and one or two additional people will need to work on the budget for 2018.
- 18. Funds for Whitworth Fellows** – Kathy reported that the Presbytery will need to provide \$6,000 for funding for the Whitworth Fellows this summer. Kathy is going to prepare a letter to send to congregations asking for donations for the Fellows program. We need to send \$3,000 now to Whitworth and \$3,000 in July. A motion is needed to approve funds up to \$6,000. Hopefully with donations received, the amount needed will be less than the full \$6,000.
- √ LC voted to authorize up to \$6,000 to cover what is not raised for the Whitworth Fellows. The funds may come from the following accounts: \$1,000 Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action, (2) \$4,000 from Equip and Encourage Fund, and (3) \$1,000 from Presbytery Program Expense (in the program budget).
- 19. St Timothy's Chapel Committee Request** – Susi had received a request from Ron Hanson for the LC to approve five people to sign on the bank account with Glacier Bank. A letter confirming the action is to be addressed to the bank but mailed to Ron.
- √ Motion passed to call the question.
  - ç The LC voted to authorize the following five persons to have signature on checking account number 9871011289 (St Timothy's Chapel Committee account) at Glacier Bank:
    - John Fitzpatrick (current Treasurer of the Chapel Committee)
    - Gary Rowe (outgoing Treasurer of the Chapel Committee)
    - Ed Leipheimer (Financial officer of the Chapel Committee)
    - Ron Hanson (Moderator of the Chapel Committee)
    - Sheryl Hallin (Treasurer of the Presbytery of Yellowstone).
 These five people are also authorized access to the Safety Deposit Box (#1160000079).
- 20. Extending the Docket** –
- √ Motion passed to extend the docket for ten minutes.
- 21. St Timothy's Chapel Committee** – There needs to be more communication from the Chapel

Committee with the Leadership Cabinet. It was suggested to have a subgroup of the LC meet with the chapel committee. It was also suggested that it would be helpful to have someone from the LC sit on the Chapel committee. Teresa will consider this but is not prepared to answer right now.

- 22. Personnel Functions of the LC** – George reminded everyone that the LC has the responsibility for overseeing personnel functions for George and Kathy as well as other staff. Due to losing the Synod Grant in 2018, it is even more important to have a subgroup working now on personnel items.
- 23. Oswego Property Sale** – No report at this time.
- 24. Camping Report** – Susi handed out a camping report from Curt Kochner.
- 25. Round of Prayer** – Susi handed out a new round of prayer list from Curt Kochner. Everyone was asked to let Curt know of any corrections or adjustments that should be made.
- 26. Request from Anaconda** – George just received some correspondence today on this so no action at this time.
- 27. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> in Bozeman at the Goodrich home.
- 28. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:40 p.m.