

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, March 7, 2017 10 AM – 2:30 PM
First Presbyterian Bozeman

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- 10:00 Convene
Christ candle, roll call & quorum, approval of
docket, approval of minutes from Jan. 17, 2017 and
approval of minutes from Feb. 3, 2017 telephone
meeting.
- Word-Share-Prayer
- 10:30 Orientation for Leadership Cabinet Members
(George Goodrich, Debbie Blackburn, Susi Ennis)
- 11:15 2017 Goals
- 11:45 February Presbytery Meeting Evaluation
- 12:15 Lunch
- 12:45 May Presbytery Meeting
- 1:15 Vice Moderator . Susi Ennis
Review of Insurance . George & Debbie
Review of Ruling Elder Commissioners . Debbie
Co-Presbyters Report . George & Kathy Goodrich
Whitworth Fellows . Kathy
Growing Young Grant . Kathy
Missionary visits to Montana
Budget Report . Dan Holland
Personnel . Susi Ennis
Other Business
- 2:00 Dismissal with Prayer

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Billings**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Present were:

Susi Ennis (by phone)
Jack Bell
Suzanne Bratzky
Jed Cauffman
Dan Holland (by phone)
Teresa Kendall (by phone)
Steve Weber

Absent:

Kristin Willett

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter (by phone)
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk
Dan Helland (currently nominated to be on the LC)

- 1. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Susi.
- 2. Christ Candle** – We did not have a candle as Susi was unable to attend in person.
- 3. Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
- 4. Docket** – The docket was approved as presented.
- 5. Introductions** – Each person introduced him/herself and shared a little information.
- 6. Minutes of October 11, 2016 and November 4, 2016**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting.
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2016 special meeting.
- 7. Dwelling in the Word** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Exodus 18:13-26. 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.
- 8. Orientation** – George, Susi, and Debbie went over various documents and policies concerning the LC. Included were information on meetings, standing rules, purpose of the LC, vision statement of the Presbytery and ways of conducting business. There will be time for additional orientation at the March meeting.
- 9. Planning for February Presbytery meeting** – Most of this time was spent in phone conversation with Stan Ott who gave an overview of what he will be presenting at the meeting. Jack offered prayer for Stan and for our meal.
- 10. Lunch Break** – The LC recessed for lunch.
- 11. Planning for Presbytery meeting (continued)** – There was discussion about the spiritual gifts inventory and the need for a link to be on the website. Kathy will talk with Stan Ott about the possibilities for recording his presentation for those who are unable to attend. Kathy will get some dwelling in the word passages from Stan. Jack Bell offered to help with worship planning.
 - √ Motion passed for the offering at the February Presbytery meeting to be for the scholarship fund for Westminster Spire
- 12. Goals of the LC** – Goals for 2016 were reviewed and then some time was spent looking at goals for

2017. One new idea was an emphasis on equipping congregations in growing young. The theme for meetings will continue to emphasize spiritual gifts (equipping and sending the gifted into ministry). Susi will send out an email with a draft of the five goals for 2017 as well as the theme for Presbytery meetings.

- 13. Schedule of LC Meetings for 2017** – This will be discussed at a later time.
- 14. Co-General Presbyters' Report**– Kathy and George submitted a written report and reviewed some highlights from the report. So far there are four confirmed fellows from Whitworth for the summer of 2017 with the possibility of two more.
- 15. Vice Moderator of Presbytery** – Discussion of this will need to be continued at the March LC meeting. Jack Bell did report that in the Presbytery he visited in Africa, the moderator's term is for three years. Jack will also help (if needed) with planning worship for the May Presbytery meeting.
- 16. Extending the Docket** – Motion passed to extend the docket for twelve minutes.
- 17. Proposed Amendments** - Dan and Teresa reviewed two of the amendments prior to the meeting. The LC will make recommendations to the Presbytery based on the vote of the LC.
 - 16-A Child and Youth Protection Policy**
Motion passed to concur with this amendment (recommend a yes vote).
 - 16-B Parity in Committees**
Motion passed to concur with this amendment (recommend a yes vote).
- 18. Update on Grants** – refer to Co-GPs' report.
- 19. Zimbabwe Trip** – Jack reported on his November trip to Zimbabwe. When Jack asked the people there how he/we could help, they asked for prayer. So please remember to pray for the people in Zimbabwe.
- 20. Personnel** –No report at this time. Needs to be on agenda for March meeting.
- 21. Budget Report** – The year-end financials for 2016 are not yet available. Dan will provide Sheryl with email addresses for new members of LC (for receiving monthly financial reports). The YP portion of the funds from the old convocation account (approximately \$4,600) are now in an account waiting on action by the LC.
- 22. Synod Funds** – We need to apply for \$1,000 available for continuing education in 2017.
- 23. Camping Report** – George will send out report he received from Curt Kochner.
- 24. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th in Bozeman.
- 25. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:50 p.m.

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2017
Phone Meeting**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present (by phone) were:

Susi Ennis
Teresa Kendall
Jack Bell
Dan Holland
Suzanne Bratsky
Kristin Willett

Absent:

Jed Cauffman
Steve Weber
Paul Hellend

Also present (by phone):

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

1. **Opening Prayer** – Susi opened the meeting with prayer and read Isaiah 55:1-5.
2. **Quorum** – It was determined that a quorum was present.
3. **Funds Transfer** – There were two items regarding funds to be used for Presbytery educational concerns.
 - √ Motion passed to transfer \$1,000 from Convocation Fund (3.32.2832.0000) to Synod Funds for Continuing Ed (3.91.2915.0000) and to transfer \$4,668.41 from Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action Balance (3.37.2800.0000) to Synod Funds for Continuing Ed (3.91.2915.0000).
4. **Funds for Stan Ott** –The LC needs to approve payment for Stan's work for the Presbytery.
 - √ Motion passed to use funds from Synod Funds for Continuing Ed to pay for Stan Ott's work and visit.
5. **Funds from Synod for Continuing Education** – Kathy will request \$1,000 for 2017.
6. **Request from Presby Cats for Mission Trip** – There was a time of discussion regarding the request from Presby Cats. Although we have approved requests in the past, it was pointed out that the Higher Education Fund will most likely be spent in a few years.
 - √ Motion passed to approve \$1,400 (from the Higher Education Fund) for the mission trip of Presby Cats with the understanding that we may receive some money back if their fundraising exceeds their needs. [Susi will prepare a voucher for this request.]
7. **Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LC will be March 7, 2017 in Bozeman.
8. **Adjournment** – Susi gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

2017 Leadership Cabinet Goals

1. Emphasize **disciple-making and disciple-sending** among the congregations of our presbytery and at the presbytery level. This includes equipping people of all ages to know that they are Loved & Called, Gifted, Equipped, and Sent.**
2. Focus on **spiritual nurture** of pastors, leaders and potential leaders across the presbytery by identifying, understanding and using **spiritual gifts**.
3. Foster **community** in the presbytery, encouraging congregations and clusters to share stories of God's work in their midst as we build and grow **communication**.
4. Explore **partnership and collaboration** with presbyteries and other organizations as we grow in disciple-making and disciple-sending.
5. Encourage churches and clusters to **build relationships** with each other, sharing in the fellowship and work of ministry.

** continuing to explore New Worshipping Communities across our presbytery.

2017 Presbytery Theme

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