

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015
St Andrew Church, Billings**

Moderator Jody called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Jody McDevitt
Debbie Blackburn
Susi Ennis
Teresa Kendall

Absent:

Jed Cauffman
Dan Holland
Dave Kimball
George Goodrich
Kathy Goodrich
Ron Hanson

Also present:

Curt Kochner

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jody.
2. **Christ Candle** – Jody lit the Christ Candle and read the litany of the Christ Candle.
3. **Quorum** – It was determined that a quorum was present.
4. **Docket** – The docket was approved
5. **Minutes of January 14, 2015** –
 - ✓ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – Teresa led Dwelling in the Word focusing on Luke 10:1-12. There was a time of sharing what this Scripture is saying to each of us. Teresa closed this time with prayer.
7. **Review Team** – Debbie reported that several individuals thought that one year was too soon to evaluate the new structure. It might be better to wait a little longer before evaluating.
 - ✓ The LC voted to have the Review Team extend its work for another six months.
8. **Leadership Cabinet 2015 Goals** – The LC spent time working on specific plans to implement the goals for 2015. Teresa will contact Susan Thomas with information about an e-newsletter that was used in Shenango Presbytery. October 11, 2015 was chosen for Presbytery Sunday. Jody will use time at the next two Presbytery meetings to promote Presbytery Sunday and to seek volunteers for working on this event. The search committee for Stated Clerk will be having its first meeting on February 12th.
9. **Plans for March Presbytery Meeting** - Teresa and Debbie went over a proposal for the process to be used for amendments. It was decided that a time limit of two minutes per person should be used during the debate time. Susi reported on the progress of the subgroup working on the equipping part of the meeting. Ministry Team reports and the Co-General Presbyters report will hopefully be scheduled for Friday afternoon before dinner. Additional work still needs to be done on the Docket.
 - ✓ The LC voted to approve the Friday night offering to go to camp scholarships (Westminster Spires).
10. **Lunch** – The LC took a short break for lunch. Jody offered prayer for the meal.
11. **Financial Review for 2014** – Dan Holland’s written report indicated that the yearend transfers needed to cover expenses were substantially less than had been budgeted. For the Program account a transfer of \$2,086.98 was made from Program Reserves. For the Administrative account two transfers were made. A transfer of \$4,606.03 was made from the Administrative Reserves and a transfer of \$15,000 was made from the Springhill fund. Other transfers that had been approved in the budget were not necessary. It was suggested that at the next meeting of the LC we look at mission pledges for 2015 (from the various churches). Some churches are not familiar with how their mission pledges are utilized.
12. **Per Capita Discussion** – The Stanford congregation had previously been told that the LC would revisit the Presbytery’s policy of paying all Per Capita amounts due (as required by the Book of Order). After a time

of discussion no action was taken. It was noted that we need to work with congregations for ways the congregations can have their voices heard (by General Assembly).

- 13. Peacemaking Survey** – It was agreed to assign this project to Freeman McCall (with support from Teresa).
- 14. MAC Membership** – Montana Association of Churches is now defunct and there is a new organization which is the Montana Association of Christians.
 - ✓ The LC voted to recommend to the Presbytery that Yellowstone Presbytery be a chartering organization of the Montana Association of Christians.
 - ✓ The LC voted that money budgeted for 2015 for Montana Association of Churches be used for (dues) for Montana Association of Christians (if the way be clear).
 - ✓ The LC voted that the covenanting document for Montana Association of Christians should be sent to each church in Yellowstone Presbytery.
- 15. Search Committee for Stated Clerk** – Jody reported that Neva Rathbun has agreed to be the moderator of this committee. Also on the committee are Debbie Funke, Terry Johnson, and Dan Holland.
- 16. Relationship with Glacier Presbytery** – Jody is working on a phone meeting between representatives from Glacier and Yellowstone Presbytery.
- 17. Fall Presbytery Meeting** – It was decided to hold the fall Presbytery Meeting on November 6th and 7th. Jody will contact Lewistown to see if they are willing to host.
- 18. Stanford-Geyser Meeting** – Jody was part of a group from YP that traveled to Stanford on January 20th. Jody gave a verbal apology on behalf of the LC for not responding to a letter from the Stanford church to the Presbytery. This apology was accepted.
- 19. Co-General Presbyters' Report** – George and Kathy sent a written report as they were out of town on the date of the LC meeting.
- 20. Stated Clerk's Report** – Ron had sent to Jody a ballot to be used at the Presbytery meeting in March. Jody will work with Ron on a few adjustments to both the official ballot and the sample ballot. Ron also sent information that he is continuing to work on the title of the Mildred Church property.
- 21. Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 14, 2015 in Bozeman.
- 22. Adjournment** – Jody gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.