

ü Actions of the Committee

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Bozeman 1st Church, Bozeman, Montana
July 19, 2012**

Moderator Leon called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present

Rev. Leon Rathbun, Moderator
Neva Rathbun, COM
Jody McDevitt, Moderator
Curt Kochner, C&Y
Dan Holland, B&F
Don Holland, Vice Moderator
Ted Williams, Nominating
Suzanne Bratsky, PW
Bob Culbertson, Higher Education
Debbie Blackburn, Vision Team
Jim Tarr, Vocations
Dan Holland, B&F

Absent/Excused

John Stewart, Personnel
Don Holland, Vice Moderator

Also Present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jody, after- which Leon lit the Christ Candle and read the litany.
2. **Quorum** – The Clerk declared that a Quorum was present.
3. **Docket** – The docket was approved after several adjustments were made.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the meetings of April 27, 2012 were approved with the correction of adding the date of the meeting.
5. **Dwelling in the Word** – George led this item. His selection of scripture was Psalm 42. The group then responded to what the selection meant to them. This section was closed with a series of prayers.
6. **Structure Task Force Report** – Ron presented a written report on behalf of the TF. They hope to have a recommendation for The Leadership Cabinet by the 15th of October. It was suggested that the term “Clusters be redefined so that it is more than geographic (i.e. churches working together in areas of common interest).
7. **GA Report** – Jody reported on the recent General Assembly. She handed out a summary from Outlook on the major actions of the Meeting and a Pastoral Letter from the Assembly leaders. Her telling comment was that the GA was a lot more than debate over controversial issues. She then showed a video titled “1001 Worshipping Communities”. There are many more videos

available on the GA web-site. She also showed the video “Camps and Conference Centers”. She then passed out a series of publications from the meeting. Kathy noted that Yellowstone Presbytery was one of the top ten (Actually #3) of per person giving for special offerings. Kathy noted that this is the 175th anniversary of Foreign Missions of the PC (USA). Kathy then shared her activities at GA (these were listed in the written Co-General Presbyters Report). Both Jody and Kathy provided anecdotal comments on their experiences at the Assembly.

8. **Synod Report** – Ron read the report which was posted on the Web-Site.
9. **Dream Team Report** – Neva commented that the Team had just met this morning over breakfast. Some assignment had been made and the next meeting was set for October 11th. George added background information to the reason for the creation of the Team and the scope of the geographic area to be considered.
10. **Convocation** – George presented a written report. Things are taking shape and it promises to be a great experience for all attendees. Plans include a mission project before the start of the Convocation. The theme for the convocation is “Letting Christ Heal Us and Move Us Forward”.
11. **Budget and Finance** – Dan presented a written report and a spreadsheet for the 2013 budget. He requested that all committees fill out their portion of the spreadsheet for their proposed 2013 budget. It was noted that the Leadership Cabinet budget had overspent its travel budget. This was largely because of the costs of the Task Forces created by the Leadership Cabinet. Dan will create new accounts for these Task Forces.
12. **Goals** – The LT 2012 Goals were reviewed. All are being met. The suggestion was made to provide additional training for Committee Moderators in the first half of 2013. Closing communion Baptism at Camp
13. **Mission Report** – George reported on behalf of the Mission Committee (see # 8 of the Co-General Presbyters report). He noted that the State Department will not ship the container of donations to Zimbabwe. The committee is looking at selling, donating or giving the donated materials to the Oil Patch communities. The committee is also looking at the idea of assembling “Health Kits” and sending them to Zimbabwe. They feel that the cost of shipping these kits would be manageable.
14. **Camping and Youth** – Camps are underway. Leadership is being provided by Curt, George and David Andrew. The focus of the camps is to provide age appropriate discipleship and leadership training. One of the campers, Stefani Costello, has requested to be baptized.
 - ü The Leadership Cabinet voted to authorize the baptism of Stefani and directed the clerk to place her name on some appropriate church roll.
15. **COM** – Neva commented on her written report. She noted that a Special Presbytery meeting may need to be called if Miles City issues a call to the Willett’s.
16. **St. Timothy’s Chapel** – Ron presented the written report which was posted on the web-site.
17. **Vocations** – Jim reported that Cathy McLean in progressing in completing her educational requirements in preparation for taking her Ordination Exams. Also, Jack Bell from Billings 1st has been enrolled as an Inquirer in the CRE Program. Jeff Harada needs help in finding on-line options to progress in his CRE program.
18. **Higher Ed.** - Bob reported on the activities of the committee.
19. **Christus Collegium** – George’s shared his write up on options for our final withdrawal from the CC Corporation. The Leadership Cabinet affirmed George’s recommendation of requesting a settlement of \$27,000 which is the equity which we originally put into the building. The group working on this issue will continue and confer with our attorney Pat Fox.

20. **PW** – Suzanne shared a tragic event of a drive by shooting. Suzanne will serve as Moderator for 2013.
21. **Personnel** – No Report.
22. **Co- General Presbyter's Report** – George, with Kathy's assistance, talked to some of the 12 points of their written report. Some of these points had already been shared under previous committee reports
23. **Nominations** – Since the Structure Task force has not finished its work Ted suggested that the Committee may need to ask people to re-up for another term. Ted noted that there will be a new process for RE and YAAD Commissioners for the 2014 General Assembly. Nominations for these positions will be due in April of 2013 and elections will be held at the November 2013 meeting of presbytery.
24. **2013 Meeting Dates** – The Leadership Cabinet suggested that the Annual Meeting be held at Billings 1st on February 22-23 and the Spring Meeting be held in Dillon on May 31-June 1. They also suggested that Ennis and The Church of the Big Hole co-host the spring meeting. The November Meeting would be held in conjunction with the Glacier/Yellowstone Convocation on November 8-9 somewhere within the bounds of Glacier Presbytery. Ron will contact the churches to confirm these dates.
25. **Adjournment** – George offered the closing Prayer.