

Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2012
Billings 1st Presbyterian Church, Billings, Montana

Present were:

Rev. Leon Rathbun, Moderator
Rev. Neva Rathbun, COM
Rev. Jody McDevitt, Moderator
Curt Kochner, C&Y
Dan Holland, B&F
Don Holland, Vice Moderator
Ted Williams, Nominating
Jim Tarr, Vocations
Suzanne Bratsky, PW
Rev. Paul Cannon, Mission
Bob Culbertson, HE

Also Present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk
Dan Krebill
Ric Tieman

1. **Call to Order** – Moderator Leon called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.
2. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Ted Williams.
3. **Quorum** – The Clerk declared that a Quorum was present.
4. **Docket** – The docket was approved after several adjustments were made.
5. **Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the meetings of July 19, 2012, with the correction that Curt Kochner was not present, were approved.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – George led this item. His selection of scripture was Luke 7:36-50. After a reading of the passage the group responded to how the passage effected them and the Leadership Cabinet. Following prayers by several of the members this section was closed.
7. **Structure Task Force (STF) Report** – George started the report and passed out two sheets to the members. The first being the paper outlining how the presbytery will fulfill its vision and the second was an outline of the planned presentation. George identified the Guiding Principles of the Vision and the four strands for fulfilling the Vision. Ric passed out an outline of the process the STF used and referred to a map that Dan had prepared to talk to the location of the Covenant Orders. Ric then shared a diagram of the design and asked for first reaction and discussion or comments. Several questions were raised and several comments were made. Ron followed with a discussion of the schedule the STF proposed for the completion of its work.
8. **Lunch** -

9. Structure Task Force (STF) Report (continued) –

Ü The Leadership Cabinet felt that the STF was moving in the right direction and requested that the STF present this report to the presbytery at its November meeting.

10. **Convocation** – George provided an update of the planning for the Convocation and referenced the Convocation brochure. He noted that the date for the 2013 Convocation was moved back one week to accommodate the schedule of some of the presenters.

11. **Proposed Review of GA Amendments** – Ron passed out a sheet listing the proposed amendments passed by the 2012 GA. The LC made the following assignments for review and recommendation(s) to the presbytery at the Annual meeting. 12-A, 12-B, 12-E and 12-F – Ted and Ron; 12-B and 12-G- Vocations; 12-D.1 through 12-D.9; 12-H, 12-I and 12-J – Paul and Neva. By consensus it was decided not to deal with the Amendment to the Heidelberg Catechism until the May meeting.

Ü Voted to have the Stated Clerk write to the sessions and recommend that they review the proposed changes for vote at the Annual and May presbytery meetings.

12. **Co- General Presbyter's Report** – George, with Kathy's assistance, talked to some of the 11 points of their written report.

13. Committee Reports

- B&F – Dan shared a recommendation from a LC appointed Task Force to combine a number of the designated accounts, make some transfers among accounts and approve a recommendation for a 2013 budget to be presented to presbytery for approval.

Ü The LC voted to approve, and send to presbytery, a recommendation to combine several Designated Accounts into three new accounts labeled **The Linda Hofer Education Fund, The Mission and Outreach Fund** and **The Equip and Encourage Fund** (see report for specifics).

Ü The LC approved the use of the Partnership Interest Fund (\$1750) to offset the shortfall in current years Per Capita Account.

Ü The LC voted to approve using prior year General Program surplus to offset a deficit in the Westminster Spires Camp Fund

Ü The LC voted to forward the 2012 interest from the Manse Fund to the Bozeman FPC for ministry on behalf of the presbytery.

Ü The LC voted to recommend a 2013 Program to Presbytery of \$69,850 and an Administrative Budget, which is estimated to be \$217,177.

- **COM** – Neva reported on the Resolution and Dismissal Agreement with the West Yellowstone Church. The Agreement calls for a payment by the church of \$60,000 over a 5 year period. George provided background additional background and rationale for the basis of the Agreement.
- **Mission** – Paul presented a written report.
- **C & Y** – Curt presented a written report.
- **Vocations** – Cathy Mclean has passed her Ordination Exams and is progressing on the course work for her degree at Dubuque. She should finish her course work in January of 2013.
- **St. Timothy's** – Ron presented a written Report. The most significant item is the 50th Anniversary of the Chapel which is coming up in 2015.
- **HE** – MSU Peer program is going well. Kim Woeste is learning the ropes at her new Chaplain position at Rocky. The MSU-B Chaplain position is vacant and is currently being filled by a half time interim. A search process underway for a new Chaplain.
- **PW** – Susanne reported on the schedule of future PW gatherings.

- **Nominating** - Ted presented a written report. The Committee will be recommending to presbytery that it set aside the Standing Rules (S5.01, S5.02 and S6.02 be set aside to allow persons in their second term on certain committees to continue to serve an additional 6 months (to June 2013) while the new presbytery structure is being put in place..
- 14. **Announcements** – Ron announced the locations and dates for the 2013 meetings of presbytery. Because of a conflict with George and Kathy’s schedule the date for the spring meeting in Dillon was changed to June 14-15, 2013.
- 15. **Presbytery Meeting Docket** – Ron passed out a draft of a Docket for the upcoming presbytery meeting. Those in attendance stated the times they would like for reporting. Some changes were suggested. Jody, Leon and Ron were delegated to finalize the Docket.
- 16. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with prayer.