

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2013
1st Church, Billings, Montana**

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

Present were:

Curt Kochner, C&Y
Don Holland, Moderator
Jim Tarr, Vocations
Bob Culbertson, HE
Jed Cauffman, Vice Moderator
Ted Williams, Nominations
Dan Holland, B&F
Paul Cannon, Mission
Neva Rathbun, COM

Also Present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk
Ric Tieman -, VSTF
Debbie Blackburn, VSTF

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Curt Kochner.
2. **Christ Candle** – Don read the Litany of the Christ Candle and lit the Christ Candle.
3. **Quorum** – The Clerk declared that a Quorum was present.
4. **Docket** – The docket was approved after some adjustments.
5. **Minutes of April 30, 2013** – Ron read the minutes of the April 30, 2013 meeting.
 - ü The LC voted to approve the minutes, as read.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – Neva led this item. Her selection of scripture was Galatians 5: 22-end. Following the reading of this selection, members of the group responded with what this selection meant to them. Neva offered a closing prayer for this section.
7. **Structure Task Force Report** – Ric handed out a package of material covering the proposed Interim Structure. Ric reviewed pages 1 and 2 (Schedule and Operational Adjustments); George reviewed page 3 (the 5th Strand; Debbie reviewed page 4 (Leadership Cabinet); Kathy reviewed page 5 (Pastoral Ministry Team) and Ron reviewed page 6 (Camping and Youth) and Debbie reviewed page 7 (Representation/Nominating Ministry Team). The PJC write-up, which was page 8 of the package, was not reviewed.
8. **Lunch** – Ted offered a blessing for our food.
9. **Reconvene** – The LC reconvened at 1:40 p.m. Discussion continued on the package. George summarized the comments made by the group.
 - ü The leadership Cabinet agreed to have the VSTF present the proposed structure to presbytery, taking onto account their comments, and to take part of the presentation to the presbytery in November.
10. **Standing Rules** - The current Standing Rules call for the election of the committee members shall take place at the last stated meeting of the year (S3.06) and to recommend annually to the presbytery a mission program and budget (S5.04.01) and to recommend annually an administrative budget to the presbytery along with the requisite costs to be assessed each church (S5.04.04). Except for the election of officers of the presbytery and the per Capita amount for 2014 these rules should be set aside until the Annual Meeting when a new structure might be adopted.
 - ü The Leadership Cabinet voted to recommend to presbytery to set aside the Standing Rules as stated above.
11. **Montana Assoc. of Churches** – The annual assembly of MAC will be held in Bozeman this year. We are allowed to send two voting delegates.
 - ü The Leadership Cabinet elected Dan Krebill and Paul Cannon as our delegates. Ron will notify MAC.

- 12. Convocation** – Steve Hayner, a noted evangelist is the plenary speaker and will also present a workshop. The Web site has all the information on the Convocation.
- 13. WNL** – John Buchanan, editor of The Christian Century and Rich Mouw, retiring president of Fuller Theological Seminary are the plenary speakers. Information is available on the Web site. The event will be held on October 9-11, 2013.
- 14. Ed Albright** – Ed, consulting GP of Glacier Presbytery will retire at the end of October.
- ü The Leadership Cabinet authorized George to write a letter, on behalf of Yellowstone Presbytery, thanking him for his service to ministry in Montana and his contributions to Yellowstone presbytery.
- 15. Discussion w/ Glacier** – There will be a discussion with the Glacier Council during the workshop section of the Convocation. Synod Interim Executive will moderate the discussion. The focus will be on ways that the two presbyteries can work together on program or mission.
- 16. Committee reports -**
- **B&F** – Dan presented three items for consideration by the LC. The first was to transfer from “Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action” to “Program Income” the \$2,000 received from the Christus Collegium and \$23,110 received from the Synod Geller Center. The second was to transfer from “Miscellaneous” the \$60,000 received from The Community Protestant Church of West Yellowstone as follows: \$6,000 to Administrative Income and \$54,000 to a West Yellowstone Restricted Fund. The third was to transfer \$13,000 from the “General Administrative Fund and \$16,677 from the “Restricted Administrative Fund” to Administrative income.
 - ü The Leadership Cabinet voted to approve the three above recommendations.
 - Next, Dan recommended that the Per Capita be set at \$45.00. This \$45.00 is made up of \$32.23 for presbytery, \$7.02 for GA and \$5.75 for Synod.
 - ü The Leadership Cabinet voted to recommend the above amount(s) to presbytery.
- 17. Extension of the Docket** – By vote the Docket was extended by 20 minutes.
- 18. Committee Reports (continued)**
- **COM** – Neva announced the 2014 salary minimums that will be presented to presbytery. She also announced that a Special Meeting of presbytery had been called for 1:30 p.m. on October 13th at 1st Church in Billings to examine Rev Susan Barnes for membership in Yellowstone Presbytery. Rev. Barnes is being considered a call to St. Andrew.
 - **PW** – A written report from PW was received.
- 19. Co-General Presbyter’s report** - George and Kathy presented their written report.
- 20. Docket for the November Presbytery Meeting** – Ron will work with Don, George and Kathy to develop the Docket.
- 21. Adjournment** - Paul gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.