

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> Church, Bozeman, Montana**

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

**Present were:**

Jody McDevitt  
Debbie Blackburn  
Jed Cauffman  
Susan Thomas  
Dan Holland

**Absent/Excused**

Don Holland  
Lanny Rounds

**Also Present:**

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk  
Curt Kochner, Moderator of Camping & Youth

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jody.
2. **Christ Candle** – Jody 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 by consensus.
5. **Minutes of January 31, 2014.**
  - ü The LC voted to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2014 meeting.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – Jody led the time spent dwelling in John 3:1-10. There was a time of sharing what this Scripture was saying to the Presbytery and also to individuals.
7. **Becoming the NEW Leadership Cabinet (Part I)** – This portion of the meeting was spent reviewing the Manual of Administrative Operations documents about the Leadership Cabinet and the Fifth Strand. This served to remind everyone of the specific responsibilities of the Leadership Cabinet. It was decided to have a time on the docket at every meeting for a financial update (relative to the current year budget). Ron will send out (before the next meeting) a Table of Contents page for the Manual of Administrative Operations. Time was also spent having each person reflect on why he/she was there, what gifts each person brings, and what resources each person needs. There was a definite feeling of excitement about what lies ahead. In order to evaluate the new structure, a Review Team will be needed. This Team's primary responsibility will be to listen. Debbie will convene this team. Several other names were suggested to be on the Review Team. Jody will make calls and report back with a list of three to five people for this team.
8. **Lunch** – The Leadership Cabinet recessed for lunch after Jody gave a blessing for the meal.
9. **Becoming the NEW Leadership Cabinet (Part II)** - After lunch the group continued to focus on the organizational responsibilities of the Leadership Cabinet.
10. **Calendar for LC meetings** – Future meeting dates were set as follows:
  - May 6, 2014 (Billings)
  - September 9, 2014 (Bozeman)
  - October 14, 2014 (Bozeman)In addition to these dates, phone meetings may be scheduled as needed.  
At the May meeting we will work on our goals (priorities). Dave Thompson, moderator of the PMT will be asked to join us for part of the May meeting.
11. **Planning ahead for Presbytery Meetings** – There was a discussion about mission interpretation at Presbytery meetings. George will contact Paul Cannon about getting the information the old Mission Committee collected on each churches involvement in mission. The possibility of having part of the June Presbytery meeting at St Timothy's Chapel was discussed. Ron will check on this and report back to the LC. Dan Holland also offered the possibility of an activity on the Wise River in connection with the June Presbytery meeting. It was noted that in the past there have been a few mission projects scheduled prior to Presbytery meeting. This should be a continuing effort.

12. **Budget and Finance Report** – Dan Holland reported there are no problems currently with income and expenses. Dan and Ron will work on a process for the LC to receive and approve grant applications for Higher Ed. This process will also need to be applied to all grant applications. They will report back at the May LC meeting as we will need to present the process at the June Presbytery meeting.
13. **Personnel Report** – Susan Thomas will get with Debbie Funke in order to get an update on the status of various personnel matters.
14. **Co-General Presbyters Report** – Kathy and George handed out copies of their report (attached). A major unknown is how and when they might transition to part-time status. Susan, Dan, and Ron will work with George and Kathy to look at possibilities.
15. **Stated Clerk's Report** – Ron requested action regarding the Covenant with Glacier Presbytery.
  - ö The LC voted to approve the Stated Clerk's signing of the covenant with Glacier Presbytery. Ron also reviewed the insurance coverage that YP currently has.
  - √ The LC voted to approve the insurance coverage as presented. The State Clerk is instructed to gather additional information on increased coverage and associated costs. Ron will bring this to the May meeting.
16. **Special Called Presbytery Meeting** – A phone conference call is needed in order to elect an alternate Teaching Elder commissioner to this year's General Assembly. Doug Johnson is next on the list and has confirmed that he would be able to attend.
  - ö The LC voted to call a special Presbytery Meeting (conference call) on March 27, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an alternate Teaching Elder commissioner to GA. Ron is to have the meeting announcement sent out March 17<sup>th</sup>. He will also instruct Susan S. to send out a reminder the day before the meeting.
17. **Adjournment** – Jody gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.