

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> Church, Bozeman, Montana**

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

**Present were:**

Jody McDevitt  
Debbie Blackburn  
Dan Holland  
Susan Thomas

**Absent:**

Jed Cauffman  
Don Holland  
Lanny Rounds

**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.
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.
5. **Minutes of May 6, 2014 and May 27, 2014**
  - ✓ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 and May 27, 2014 meetings.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – Debbie led the time spent dwelling in Philippians 4:4-8. There was a time of sharing what this Scripture was saying to individuals and to us as Leadership Cabinet. Debbie closed this section in prayer.
7. **Review Team** – Debbie reported that the Review Team has not had any feedback regarding the new structure. The Leadership Cabinet spent some time discussing the new structure. Communications continues to be a high priority. Also it was noted that the area of Mission seems to be lacking attention. It was decided that copies of the financial reports should be sent monthly to the members of the Leadership Cabinet and also to the moderators of Ministry Teams.
  - ✓ The LC voted to request that the Nominating Team increase the size of the LC from the current membership of seven to the allowed membership of nine. (Debbie will contact Gayle Holland).
8. **Leadership Cabinet goals for 2014** – Jody handed out a chart showing the four main goals of 2014 for the LC. Time was spent reviewing what is going well and determining action items. George asked for some clarification of his priorities. Some more work needs to be done in developing backup plans for crises that may occur in the weeks when George and Kathy are not working (for the Presbytery).
9. **Higher Ed Grant Process** – It was decided that we will meet with all three higher education ministers during lunch. Jody will ask a series of questions that will be answered alternately.
10. **Lunch** – The LC was joined by Kim Woeste, Dan Krebill, and Ron Kirby. Various questions were asked of the higher education ministers. We also received feedback from them regarding the new grant process.
11. **Higher Ed Grant Process (Part II)** – There was lengthy discussion but no resolution on the grants.
  - ✓ The LC voted to continue to pay each of the higher education ministries through the end of the year the amounts budgeted for 2014 for higher education. The discussion of the grants will continue at the October meeting. Work needs to be done on this before the meeting.
12. **Extending the Docket**
  - ✓ The LC voted to extend the docket to 2:30 pm.
13. **Budget and Finance** . Dan is working on the 2015 budget. He reported that the 2014 budget looks OK.
14. **Personnel** . Susan had nothing to report.
15. **Co-general Presbyters Report** – George reviewed their written report. He highlighted the change in the Synod structure that was approved by the synod Assembly. Funding to the presbyteries will be about the same as last year. He noted that they appreciate the prayers of the presbytery as they transition to half time.

16. **Peace Making** – Jody called attention to a written report from Susan Barnes regarding the availability and preliminary itinerary of Rev. Lala Haja Rasendrasahina. Susan has contacted all churches and will do so again regarding his availability during the first week of October.
17. **Convocation/presbytery Meeting** – The group was reminded of the meeting(s) which are scheduled for November 6-8.
18. **Sexual Misconduct Insurance Coverage** – Ron passed out a write-up on the LC's decision to increase the presbyteries insurance coverage for sexual misconduct. This will be discussed at the October meeting.
19. **Mildred Church** – Ron passed out a short write-up regarding the Mildred Church property.
  - ✓ The LC voted to have Ron work with our attorney to sell the property.
20. **Adjournment** – The meeting was closed with prayer.