

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2015
First Presbyterian Church, Billings**

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

Present were:

Jody McDevitt
Jack Bell
Dave Kimball
Teresa Kendall
Dan Holland
Kristin Willett

Absent/Excused:

Debbie Blackburn
Jed Cauffman

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk
Dave Thompson
Curt Kochner

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jody.
2. **Christ Candle** – Jody lit the Christ Candle and read the litany of the Christ Candle.
3. **Quorum** –A quorum was declared present.
4. **Docket** – The docket was approved.
5. **Minutes of September 1, 2015** -
√ The LC voted to approved the minutes of theSeptember1, 2015 meeting.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – Teresa led this section. Her selection was Psalm34:1-9. Groups of two discussed the selection and reported back to the larger group on what their partner thought.
7. **2015 Goals** – The group discussed progress on the LC’s 2015 Goals. The discussion focused on improving communication within the presbytery. Kristin and Jack were named as Administrators, along with George, of the Facebook page. It was stated that pictures were a critical part of Facebook. Also, Susan Seibert will be asked to send out a note announcing the deadline for articles for the next issue of Yellowstone Currents.
8. **November Presbytery Meeting** – Susi mentioned that her planning group had a conference call and the feeling was that the presbytery should keep the focus on 1001 Worshipping communities. We probably need to order additional books and Jack will make copies of the DVD of the 1001 Worshipping Communities that he recorded in White Sulphur Springs for each church. George and Dave Kimball will talk about the GA Peacemaking resolution with the idea of having the presbytery vote on it at the February 2016 meeting of presbytery. Ron will draft a Docket for the November meeting that provides a block(s) of time for the 1001 Worshipping Communities segments. Susie will provide the details for those blocks of time that are focused on Harvest (Matthew 9:38).
9. **The Fifth Strand** – The LC has a responsibility to review this document each year. During the discussion. It was suggested that both Stewardship and response to current events should be added.

10. **2016 Presbytery meetings** – The following dates and locations were set for 2016 meetings.
 - **March 4-5, 2016 – Billings 1st**
 - **June 10-11, 2016 – Miles City**
 - **November 4-5, 2016 – Possibly Butte.** Ron will follow up w/ the Butte Church (Confirmed)
11. **Pastoral Ministry Team** – Dave Thompson reported on the structure of the PMT and reviewed some of the current activities/issues. He reminded that his comments were confidential. He stated that Jack Bell has been preaching at the Stanford Church and will be under contract there on November 15, 2015. First Presbyterian Church is looking at continuing services at West Park and is searching for someone to fill that position.
12. **Lunch** – The LC recessed for lunch and Jody gave a blessing for our meal.
13. **Camping and Youth Ministry Team** – Curt commented on last summer's camping program. He mentioned that Brandon Willett and Dan Krebill have agreed to draft a Child Protection Policy for the presbytery's consideration. Curt said he was unsure who would lead the Jr. Hi. Camp in 2016. Jody mentioned that Rockhaven had a record enrollment this summer.
14. **Campus Ministry Reports** – Three reports from the Campus Ministry units were received.
15. **1001 - New Church Development** – Jack handed out a report from the Task Group. The report listed three approaches that the Task Group was recommending. The three approaches were:
 - Brick and Mortar projects (New Church Development). Three sites were listed.
 - 1001 New Worshiping Communities (Four possibilities were listed).
 - Finding ten New Commissioned Ruling Elders.The Leadership Cabinet felt this needs to be on the November presbytery docket.
16. **Representation/Nominating Ministry Team** – Debbie Funke had asked Jody for suggestions of names of people who might serve on the Leadership Cabinet. The names of Jack Bell and Jim Tarr were suggested.
17. **Presbyterian Sunday** – Kristin mentioned that everything is ready for Presbyterian Sunday. An idea was mentioned that this might be an annual event. It was also suggested that those churches who took part might share their experiences at the November presbytery meeting.
18. **Vanuatu Mission Gift** – Jody announced that the total gift from Yellowstone Presbytery and its churches totaled \$11,800. She will have a report and pictures at the presbytery meeting.
19. **2016 Budgets** – Dan presented draft Administrative and Mission budgets for 2016. Following some discussion the following decisions were made:
 - ✓ The LC voted to approve the draft Administrative Budget, with some adjustments to be made by Dan, for presentation to presbytery.
 - ✓ The LC voted to approve the draft Mission Budget for presentation to presbytery.
20. **Co-General Presbyters Report** – George and Kathy shared a verbal report. George talked about spiritual direction for the Pastoral Ministry Team, the need to find a delegate for MAC and the status of the Roy Church dismissal. Kathy updated the LC on the continuing relationship with Whitworth and hopes for next year.
21. **Stated Clerk's Report** – Ron mentioned that the Mildred Church had finally been sold. The sale price was \$3,500 and the purchaser also gave a \$1,000 donation to the presbytery.
22. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:09 p.m.