

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016
First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman**

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

Present were:

Jody McDevitt
Teresa Kendall
Jack Bell
Susi Ennis
Dan Holland
Kristin Willett (by phone)
Bev Harbaugh (by phone)

Absent:

Jed Cauffman

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk

- 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 adopted.
- 5. Minutes of October 6, 2015**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting.
- 6. Minutes of November 18, 2015**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting.
- 7. Dwelling in the Word** – George led this section. The scripture selection was I Corinthians 12: 1-13. There was a time of reflecting on this passage. Recognizing spiritual gifts in others was one idea that was discussed. George closed this time with prayer.
- 8. Reviewing 2015 Goals** – It was generally believed that progress was made on the 2015 goals. One comment was that we still need to work on communication back to the Presbytery.
- 9. Setting Goals for 2016** – After a time of discussion the following goals (to be looked at again at the February meeting) were listed:
 - I. Emphasize disciple-making in our congregations and in our presbytery.
 - II. Clarify the covenant with Glacier and explore other partnerships for future collaboration.
 - III. Build community in the presbytery, continuing to grow our communication.
 - IV. Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors, leaders, and potential leaders by understanding and using spiritual gifts.
- 10. Requests for March Presbytery Meeting** – Several requests have already been received.
 - √ The LC voted to approve Intermountain having a booth and time on the docket.
 - √ The LC voted to approve Susan Barnes having a table to offer clergy stoles (handmade) for sale.
 - √ The LC voted to invite Mark Frey from BOP to present his training session on Saturday from noon until 2:00 after the end of Presbytery meeting. Lunch will be offered (details to be determined).
- 11. Review Team** – It was noted that some changes need to be considered in how the personnel and finance responsibilities of the LC are carried out. However, it was thought this should be addressed

- by the Leadership Cabinet instead of the review team.
- √ The LC voted to retire the Review Team (that was previously appointed).
- 12. Planning Themes for 2016 presbytery meetings** – There were several ideas considered as a theme for 2016 meetings. It was agreed to use I Corinthians 12: 4-7 as the main idea with verse 7 being the particular focus. Teresa will convene a planning subgroup by phone to continue work.
 - 13. Lunch** – The LC recessed for lunch and Teresa gave a blessing for our meal.
 - 14. Camping and Youth** – Jody gave an update from Curt Kochner. The dates for the winter youth retreat and Westminster Spires summer camps have been set. The information is posted on the website.
 - 15. Representation/Nominating** – An alternate YAAD was not elected. The deadline for YAAD delegates was December 21, 2015.
 - 16. Pastoral Ministry Team** – George reported for the PMT. Jack Bell will be commissioned as CRE for Stanford on January 31, 2016. Katie Emery was installed at the Terry church in November. The deed transfer for the Roy church is in process. Dan Krebill is working with BOP on having some tax and retirement seminars in the fall in Billings. A clergy retreat is being worked on.
 - 17. Synod Report** – Kathy reported that the Synod Assembly will meet again March 7th. David Ezekiel is now one quarter time (for the Synod). WNLT date has not been finalized but will probably be the third or fourth week of September. Some synods are exploring the possibility of merging.
 - 18. New worshipping communities** – Jack Bell has been working with this task force. They would like to pursue summer worship at Rockhaven Camp. Jack will talk with Dan Krebill about meeting with the session of FPC Bozeman.
 - √ The LC voted to approve the establishment of a fund for CRE training. The scholarship eligibility will be determined at a later date. The PMT will have oversight of this fund. Publicity is needed.
 - 19. Personnel** – Jed sent a report as he was unable to be at the meeting. Jed has talked with George who has indicated that he plans to meet soon with Susan Seibert and Sheryl Hallin (for reviews). Dan Holland and Susi Ennis were appointed to help Jed with personnel responsibilities. Work needs to be done in preparation of review of Kathy and George in their work.
 - 20. Peacemaking group** – The first meeting for constructive conversations was held at St Andrew Church in Billings on January 9th. Future meetings will be January 23rd and February 6th.
 - 21. Covenant with Glacier Presbytery** - We currently have a covenant that is to be updated and reviewed on an annual basis. Jody will work on setting a conference call meeting.
 - 22. Finance** – Dan Holland handed out a report outlining the financial review that was done for Yellowstone Presbytery for fiscal year 2014. This review was done on December 15, 2015. Dan also noted that the change in Stated Clerk will require changes to authority on various accounts.
 - √ LC voted to replace Ron Hanson with Debbie Blackburn on any and all bank or investment accounts of Yellowstone Presbytery.
 - 23. LC Nomination for Rep/Nom Ministry Team** - The LC needs to nominate someone for the class of 2018 for the Rep/Nom Team. We would like to have someone who could train for moderator of the team. Jody will make contact and report back at the next LC meeting.
 - 24. Presby Cats Grant Request** – a grant request was received for their spring break mission/study trip.
 - √ The LC voted to approve the grant request for \$3,500 with funds coming from the Higher Education Fund. Jody will prepare a voucher for Sheryl Hallin.
 - 25. Whitworth Summer 2016 Fellows** – Kathy reported that it looks as though we will have six fellows during the summer of 2016. More details will be known in a week or two. The Presbytery will most likely need to provide some of the financial support but an exact figure is not known at this time.
 - 26. Preaching/Teaching the Bible Grant** – This item is on the PMT agenda. The formal training will begin in July of 2016. No action is needed at this time.
 - 27. Equipping GA Commissioners** – Kathy has done much of the training in the past. Kathy and George

will discuss this.

28. Institute of Peace Studies – They would like a representative from YP on their board.

√ LC voted to ask Doug Johnson to be the official representative for Yellowstone Presbytery on the board.

29. Report of Co-General Presbyters – Kathy and George submitted a written report. George expressed his hope that each of the cluster groups would adopt some sort of ministry.

30. Stated Clerk's Report – Ron Hanson submitted a final report. Debbie Blackburn submitted a report of items she has been working on during the transition.

31. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:00 p.m.