

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016
First Presbyterian Church, Billings**

Acting moderator Jack called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Present were:

Jack Bell
Susi Ennis
Teresa Kendall (by skype)
Kristin Willett (by phone)
Jed Cauffman (by phone)
Bev Harbaugh (by phone briefly)

Absent:

Jody McDevitt
Dan Holland

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter (by skype)
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter (by skype)
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk (by skype).

- 1. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jack.
- 2. Christ Candle** – Jack 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 as presented.
- 5. Minutes of April 12, 2016**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting.
- 6. Dwelling in the Word** – Susi led this time of dwelling in Romans 8:12-25. There was a time of reflecting and sharing about this passage. Susi closed this section with prayer.
- 7. Planning for June Presbytery meeting** - The Terry Church will provide breakfast on Saturday. Everyone needs to be encouraged to participate in breakfast discussions as they will be part of the meeting agenda. Susi will do the recap of our experiences going out into communities. Kristin will lead the equipping times on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. It was suggested that a link to the Engage materials be included. There was a discussion regarding the Friday night offering. Kristin shared information on the ROCKS (Raising Our Community Kids Safely) Program in Miles City.
 - √ The LC voted to split (50/50) the Friday night offering at the June Presbytery meeting between the Rocks Program and Camp Scholarships for Westminster Spires.
- 8. Higher Education Ministries** – The LC reviewed the annual reports and grant requests for 2016-2017. Then Rob Kirby (from MSU Billings) joined the meeting and gave an update of various activities of the Chaplain based ministry at MSU-B. Rob also asked about any connections to campus ministry in Missoula. Rob is very involved with NCMA (National Campus Ministry Association). Kathy offered prayer for Rob before he left the meeting. The LC further discussed the grant requests. It was suggested that we might have Rob preach at the Presbytery meeting in Butte to increase his visibility.
 - √ The LC voted to approve the following grant amounts for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - MSU-Billings - \$10,500
 - Rocky Mountain College - \$1,450
 - Presby Cats - \$5,750

- 9. Lunch** - The LC recessed for lunch.
- 10. LC Goals for 2016** – The idea of compiling a packet of Dwelling in the Word materials was discussed again. A target date of September was set for this packet. George and Kathy will share their “How to do Dwelling in the Word” sheet at the June Presbytery meeting. It was suggested that the November Presbytery meeting have an emphasis on equipping for using Dwelling in the Word at session meetings. There needs to be more awareness of the Facebook page and the website. Jack and Kristin will try to meet with Susan Seibert to go over some website issues. Some people in the Presbytery have asked what leadership training will be available to replace WNLT. We need to communicate more about the equipping opportunities at Presbytery meetings.
- 11. Communications Team** - Kristin has done some posting on the YP Facebook page.
- 12. Child Protection Policy** – This is still being worked on. It will be reviewed by Camping & Youth and PMT before coming to LC for comments.
- 13. New Worshipping Communities** – Jack has no update at this time. Kathy reminded everyone to look at the videos through NW Coast Presbytery (www.northwestcoast.org/learning-community).
- 14. Whitworth Fellows** – There will be six Whitworth students working in Yellowstone Presbytery this summer. Leaders of host churches have been skyping with the students.
- 15. Covenant Relationship with Whitworth** – Kathy asked for feedback from the LC (email to her). What would YP give in a partnership relationship? What would we like to receive? One suggestion involved CRE training. Kathy will email to the LC some information on the training that the students have received (before coming to YP this summer).
- 16. Refugee Resettlement** – There are no recommendations at this time. Kathy will email out the information that she has on this.
- 17. Personnel** – Susi has no report. She will be working on this in the next couple of weeks.
- 18. Clusters** – George reported that clusters are going well. The Prayer Cluster is having a one day retreat on May 26th in Bozeman.
- 19. PMT** - Continue to pray for the Dillon congregation and for David Andrew.
- 20. Report of Co-General Presbyters** – George and Kathy sent out their April report again. George noted that more campers are needed for Westminster Spires. George believes that there is a great need for spiritual direction training. Kathy has some information on spiritual gifts. She is interested in doing some training to help people utilize their gifts. It was suggested to start with the clusters. George may offer a two day retreat in the fall for pastors and elders.
- 21. Report of Stated Clerk** – Debbie reported on new ways that stated clerks within the Synod of the Rocky Mountains are doing a review of session minutes. The previous way of regional gatherings involves a lot of travel expense. Debbie also reported on the correspondence regarding the cemetery in McAllister. It appears that the property may not belong to Yellowstone Presbytery. She has sent additional documents to the Madison County Attorney for review.
- 22. Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the LC will be September 13, 2016 at FPC in Bozeman.
- 23. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:00 p.m.