

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016**

First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman and First Presbyterian Church, Billings

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

Present were:

Jody McDevitt (Bozeman)
Jack Bell (Billings)
Dan Holland (Bozeman)
Teresa Kendall (Bozeman)
Bev Harbaugh (Billings)

Absent:

Jed Cauffman
Susi Ennis
Kristin Willett

Also present:

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

- 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 as presented.
- 5. Minutes of September 13, 2016**
√ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting.
- 6. Dwelling in the Word** – Dan led the time of dwelling in Luke 18: 1-8. There was a time of reflecting on this passage. Thoughts about the function of prayer were shared.
- 7. LC Goals for 2016** – The LC reviewed the chart that Jody had updated. It was suggested that the Presbytery meeting include a discussion about ways that churches include the round of prayer. Another idea was for someone to make weekly contacts to get specific prayer requests for the FB page. It was also suggested that we think about Presbytery Sunday sooner in 2017. The covenant with Glacier Presbytery has expired. George has talked with Marsha Anson who does not indicate any interest in a formal relationship with Yellowstone. Jody will send a letter to Glacier Presbytery confirming the close of the covenant and the distribution of funds in the covenant bank account.
- 8. Mission and Ministry Priorities (Fifth Strand)** – The priorities listed should still be included in this document (except for collaborating with Glacier Presbytery). George will contact the Missoula church about college ministry there. It was pointed out that we need to be more intentional about mission interpretation at Presbytery meetings (especially in the camping report).
- 9. November Presbytery Meeting** – The planning team has had a couple of phone meetings. They would like to include a skit at the November meeting. Kathy has been in contact with Stan Ott who has agreed to come out for the February (2017) meeting. The February meeting will be a continuation of the November meeting on spiritual gifts. Susi has agreed to write a letter to the Presbytery about doing the spiritual gifts survey.
- 10. Report from Pastoral Ministry Team** – Dave Thompson joined the meeting to give an update on the activities of the PMT. The Jordan church is working on their MIF. There have been several pastor changes in the last few months. The BOP seminars in Billings went well. Dave has agreed to serve another term on PMT. There could be a high number of pastor retirements in Yellowstone in the next ten years. Jody offered prayer for the work of the PMT.

- 11. Camping Report** - Curt Kochner joined the meeting to give the LC an update on camping and youth. Curt pointed out the strong leadership that is available with many returning leaders. Some new roofs were added during revamp the camp. Curt will email a document that lists the many areas of responsibilities in overseeing the camp programs. The fall retreat will be at Rockhaven from October 20th to the 22nd. The camp dates for 2017 have been set. There are some more rentals for the summer of 2017. Curt would like to consider adding a program director. Curt was asked to remind the Presbytery (when giving reports) that camping is an example of mission dollars at work. Jody offered prayer for the camping programs.
- 12. Lunch Break** – The LC recessed for lunch.
- 13. Child Protection Policy** – Little progress has been made.
- 14. Constitutional amendments**– Some of the amendments will be reviewed by LC and some by the PMT. Teresa and Dan agreed to work with Debbie on the LC assignment. They will bring recommendations to the January LC meeting.
- 15. DREAM grant application** - Kathy submitted the grant last week. She hopes to hear back before the end of the year.
- 16. New Worshipping Communities** – No report at this time.
- 17. Personnel** – No report at this time.
- 18. Presbytery Sunday** – Kristin has not received any feedback. Those at the meeting reported that the following churches participated (in some way): Anaconda, Deer Lodge, FPC Bozeman, Stanford, Jordan and Manhattan.
- 19. Communications Team** – Nothing new at this time.
- 20. Budget for 2017** – Dan Holland reviewed the Administrative and Program Budgets for 2017. It was pointed out that the block grant from Synod is scheduled to end at the end of 2017. The GA per capita rate for 2017 will increase to \$7.50 (from \$7.12 in 2016). We are not aware of any change in the Synod per capita rate of \$3.50. A motion to recommend to Presbytery a total per capita rate of \$45.00 for 2017 failed.
 - √ The LC voted to recommend to Presbytery a total per capita rate of \$48.00 for 2017.
 - √ The LC voted to recommend to Presbytery the Administrative Budget with some modifications based on per capita changes and income sources.
 - √ The LC voted to recommend to Presbytery the Program Budget with an additional expense of \$1,000 for Intermountain.
- 21. Intermountain Donation for 2016** – The program budget for 2016 does not include a line item for Intermountain. However, \$1,000 budgeted for Western Leadership will not be used.
 - √ The LC voted to give \$1,000 to Intermountain for 2016. (Dan and Debbie will coordinate this with Sheryl).
- 22. Extending the Docket** –
 - √ The LC voted to extend the docket to 2:35 pm.
- 23. Presbytery Meetings for 2017** – Jody reported back on the 2017 meetings.
 - St Andrew Billings has agreed to host the meeting on February 10th and 11th.
 - Dillon is considering the request to host the meeting on May 10th and 11th.
 - Bozeman has agreed to host the meeting on November 3rd and 4th.
 - The planning team expressed concern over the space needed for the February 2017 meeting.
 - Jack Bell agreed to talk with Susan Barnes and Dave Thompson to see if the meeting might be held at FPC Billings instead of St Andrew.
- 24. Nominations** - George will give Katie Holland's name to the Intermountain Board. Jody reported that Dan Krebill will attend the MAC meeting in October. After that meeting, we will need to determine if we need to appoint a representative to MAC (going forward). Caroline Fleming and

Jody McDevitt have agreed to be nominated for the class of 2019 for the Rep/Nom Ministry Team. Neva Rathbun has agreed to moderate the Rep/Nom Ministry Team in 2017.

- 25. November 2016 Presbyter Meeting (Continued).** – Jack Bell is going to play a video of the Makokoba Presbyterian Church singing a song. Then the Presbytery will record a song for Jack to take to Zimbabwe. Jack will notify Lanny Rounds about the offering.
- √ The LC voted that the November Presbytery offering will go to Makokoba Presbyterian Church in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Jack Bell will deliver the offering to Rev. Paul Neshangwe.
- 26. Report from Co-General Presbyters** –George and Kathy submitted a written report in September. The LC will need to work on funding for Stan Ott’s visit.
- 27. Stated Clerk’s Report** – Debbie will be attending the Policy Conference and the Stated Clerk’s Conference in Louisville beginning on October 28th.
- 28. Card for Moderator Jody** –George presented a card of thanks to Jody as this is her last stated meeting as moderator of the Leadership Cabinet. A gift (with Jody’s input) will be determined at a later date.
- 29. Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the LC will be determined after the Presbytery meeting.
- 30. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:40p.m.