

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Present were:

Susi Ennis
Jack Bell
Suzanne Bratsky
Jed Cauffman
Paul Helland
Dan Holland
Teresa Kendall

Absent:

Kristin Willett
Steve Weber

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 Susi .
- 2. Christ Candle** –Susi lit the Christ candle.
- 3. Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
- 4. Docket** – The docket was approved with additions.
- 5. Minutes of April 4, 2017** -
√ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting.
- 6. Word –Share- Prayer** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Acts 2:42-47. There was a time of reflecting on this passage to see how it was speaking to individuals and to us as LC. Susi closed this time with prayer for concerns that had been shared.
- 7. LC Goals for 2017** – The group spent time looking at the 2017 goals and reflecting on progress that has been made. George reviewed some of the Co-General Presbyters' report that was written to tie into the goals of the cabinet. It was agreed that things are going well but, goal #3 could use some more emphasis. Presbytery Sunday will be October 8, 2017. Another LC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th.
- 8. Planning for May Presbytery Meeting**– Kathy reviewed the plans for the May Presbytery meeting. After the break on Friday afternoon, there will be options for three different groups to attend. Teresa offered to contact churches to ask them about sharing at the meeting. It was suggested that the clusters be asked to consider some equipping activities using the Stan Ott materials. Word/Share/Prayer options could be provided. There is a need for curriculum to be written to go along with the DVD from the February meeting which could make the DVD more practical to use at session retreats or officer training events.
- 9. Lunch** – Jed offered prayer for our meal and the LC took a break for lunch.
- 10. Vice Moderator of Presbytery** – It is the consensus of the LC to recommend that in order to fulfill the vision and structure of the Presbytery and to provide continuity, to leave the Vice Moderator of Presbytery position open for 2017 and to have the 2018 Vice Moderator come from the existing Leadership Cabinet.

- 11. Standing Rules for term for Moderator of Presbytery** – There is currently not a vice moderator of Presbytery and Jack Bell would agree to serve another year as Moderator of the Presbytery.
- √ The LC approved a motion to recommend that the Presbytery set aside for one year (2018) the Standing Rules regarding the term of service of the Moderator of Presbytery in order to allow the Moderator to serve a second year and to elect Jack Bell as Moderator for 2018.
- 12. Proposed Standing Rules Changes regarding Ruling Elders as members of Presbytery – The** proposed change would give membership and vote to Ruling Elders while serving on the Leadership Cabinet and to Ruling Elders while serving as a Synod Commissioner.
- √ The LC voted to present the first reading for changes to the Standing Rules S2.06 (see attached).
- 13. Insurance** –No report at this time as Jack is still working with the agent. Debbie mentioned what she had heard about Cyber Insurance that was purchased by Plains and Peaks Presbytery. Jack will discuss this with our agent also.
- 14. Co-General Presbyters Report** – Kathy reviewed some additional items from their report including an update on the Whitworth Fellows.
- 15. Pastoring Possibilities for Yellowstone Presbytery** – George had sent out an updated report by email. He would like to present this information at the May Presbytery meeting. George pointed out that several of our churches want a full time pastor but cannot afford one.
- 16. Preaching and Spiritual Formation Cohort** – The group for Yellowstone continues to meet. There will be additional instruction at Whitworth this summer. New people are encouraged to attend.
- 17. Budget** – Dan Holland reported that finances are going well. George reminded us that we will no longer have the Synod grant in 2018 so major adjustments in the budget will need to be made. A finance team of Dan Holland, Sheryl Hallin, George and Kathy Goodrich, Debbie Blackburn, and one or two additional people will need to work on the budget for 2018.
- 18. Funds for Whitworth Fellows** – Kathy reported that the Presbytery will need to provide \$6,000 for funding for the Whitworth Fellows this summer. Kathy is going to prepare a letter to send to congregations asking for donations for the Fellows program. We need to send \$3,000 now to Whitworth and \$3,000 in July. A motion is needed to approve funds up to \$6,000. Hopefully with donations received, the amount needed will be less than the full \$6,000.
- √ LC voted to authorize up to \$6,000 to cover what is not raised for the Whitworth Fellows. The funds may come from the following accounts: \$1,000 Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action, (2) \$4,000 from Equip and Encourage Fund, and (3) \$1,000 from Presbytery Program Expense (in the program budget).
- 19. St Timothy’s Chapel Committee Request** – Susi had received a request from Ron Hanson for the LC to approve five people to sign on the bank account with Glacier Bank. A letter confirming the action is to be addressed to the bank but mailed to Ron.
- √ Motion passed to call the question.
 - ç The LC voted to authorize the following five persons to have signature on checking account number 9871011289 (St Timothy’s Chapel Committee account) at Glacier Bank:
 - John Fitzpatrick (current Treasurer of the Chapel Committee)
 - Gary Rowe (outgoing Treasurer of the Chapel Committee)
 - Ed Leipheimer (Financial officer of the Chapel Committee)
 - Ron Hanson (Moderator of the Chapel Committee)
 - Sheryl Hallin (Treasurer of the Presbytery of Yellowstone).
 These five people are also authorized access to the Safety Deposit Box (#1160000079).
- 20. Extending the Docket** –
- √ Motion passed to extend the docket for ten minutes.
- 21. St Timothy’s Chapel Committee** – There needs to be more communication from the Chapel

Committee with the Leadership Cabinet. It was suggested to have a subgroup of the LC meet with the chapel committee. It was also suggested that it would be helpful to have someone from the LC sit on the Chapel committee. Teresa will consider this but is not prepared to answer right now.

- 22. Personnel Functions of the LC** – George reminded everyone that the LC has the responsibility for overseeing personnel functions for George and Kathy as well as other staff. Due to losing the Synod Grant in 2018, it is even more important to have a subgroup working now on personnel items.
- 23. Oswego Property Sale** – No report at this time.
- 24. Camping Report** – Susi handed out a camping report from Curt Kochner.
- 25. Round of Prayer** – Susi handed out a new round of prayer list from Curt Kochner. Everyone was asked to let Curt know of any corrections or adjustments that should be made.
- 26. Request from Anaconda** – George just received some correspondence today on this so no action at this time.
- 27. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6th in Bozeman at the Goodrich home.
- 28. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:40 p.m.

STANDING RULES YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY

with changes adopted by the Presbytery through February 22, 2014

S1.0 BOUNDARIES

The Presbytery of Yellowstone is a corporate expression of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), consisting of all the churches and teaching elders within the counties of Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, McCone, Madison, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux and Yellowstone; that portion of Powell County that lies south of 46 degrees 40 minutes north latitude; and Richland County with the exception of the City of Fairview; all in the state of Montana.

1. S2.0 MEMBERSHIP
2. S2.01 Membership in the presbytery shall consist of teaching elders and ruling elders, in numbers as equal as possible.
3. S2.02 All teaching elders enrolled by the presbytery as active members, members-at-large, or honorably retired shall be voting members. All temporary members of presbytery shall be voting members.
4. S2.03 Each church in the presbytery shall be represented by at least one ruling elder commissioned by the session to be a voting member, and enrolled by the presbytery at each of its meetings.
5. S2.04 Each church with an active membership of three hundred and one (301) persons and larger shall be represented by two ruling elders commissioned by the session to be voting members, and enrolled by the presbytery at each of its meetings.
6. S2.05 Commissioned Ruling Elders in Pastoral Service (CRE) when granted a local commission will have a voice and vote in meetings of presbytery for as long as the commission is validated.
7. S2.06 A ruling elder, holding office in the presbytery as moderator, vice moderator, stated clerk, treasurer, or as moderator of the leadership cabinet, or as moderator of a ministry team of the presbytery shall be a voting member of the presbytery for the duration of the term of such service. **Also any ruling elder serving on the leadership cabinet or serving as a Synod commissioner shall be a voting member of the presbytery for the duration of the term of such service.** When the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Yellowstone is a ruling elder, or the moderator of the St. Timothy's Memorial Chapel Committee is a ruling elder, he or she shall be a voting member of the presbytery for the duration of the term of such service..