

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2017
Goodrich Home, Bozeman, MT**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present were:

Susi Ennis
Jack Bell
Suzanne Bratsky
Steve Weber
Teresa Kendall
Paul Helland
Dan Holland

Absent:

Jed Cauffman

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk
Kristin Elliot (Whitworth Fellow)
Luke Ekstrom (Whitworth Fellow)
Sharla Helland

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Susi.
2. **Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
3. **Docket** – The docket was approved
4. **Minutes of May 2, 2017**

√ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017.

5. **Word –Share- Prayer** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Acts 10: 34-43. There was a time of silent reflection on this passage. Then the group divided into pairs to share their thoughts and to pray for one another.
6. **Goals for 2017** – The group spent time considering how we are doing on goals for 2017. It was suggested that Susan Seibert send out reminders each month for submitting information for Currents. Also it would be good to have a deadline each month from Susan Thomas for the information to be included in the Currents. It was suggested that we post Currents as well as video clips on Facebook. Kathy and Jack will discuss this. Also Kathy will check with Kaycee Cronk to see if she might be able to do some filming this summer. We need to identify people who could be writers or reporters to share stories. It would be good to share videos of the Whitworth Fellows. And we should include information about Presbytery meetings in the Currents.
7. **Presbytery Meetings** –The responses about the May Presbytery meeting were very positive. Hearing good news from churches was especially helpful. Ideas for the November meeting were discussed. We have not done a worksheet for sessions to guide them with using the Stan Ott materials. One idea for November is to have John Patterson present what he presented to the Bozeman session. Kathy also suggested having Chris How (chaplain at Intermountain) do a workshop. We could consider having a workshop around 10:30 Friday morning for those who wanted to come early. Suzanne Bratsky will convene the planning team of Suzanne, Kathy, Dan H, and Debbie B (and possibly John Patterson). Suzanne is to convene one meeting prior to the end of June. Dan would

like to be involved in planning worship for the November meeting. There is a woman in the Bozeman congregation who has resources for music. At some future date we may have a skype meeting with Stan Ott.

8. **Break** - The LC took a short break.
9. **Presbytery Sunday** – Jack will write a call to worship and prayer of confession to be used. The theme will be Ephesians 4:11-12. (Equipping and Sending the gifted into ministry). A video of several people around the Presbytery was suggested. George and Kathy could do an introduction on the video. Jack Bell and possibly Kaycee Cronk would work on this video. It was suggested that the Fellows take some video clips while visiting churches in the Presbytery. Susi will send out an email to the Presbytery encouraging pulpit swapping on Presbytery Sunday.
10. **Pastoring possibilities** – George and Steve presented some ideas for ways to meet the challenges of vacant pulpits within the Presbytery. We need to think creatively and move forward with equipping the laity (Stan Ott materials). Steve talked about an idea of working on a pitch to present to new seminary graduates (focusing on ministry in a rural setting as well as the benefits of living in Montana). We need to help churches understand their options and also continue to identify CRE candidates. Also we should try to think of others who could work with a Rural Ministry Team. For now suggested names are Kathy, George, Jim Tarr, Steve Weber, and Jack Bell.
11. **Whitworth Fellows** – Luke and Kristin have taken the spiritual gifts inventory. There is a Growing Young Ministry Team in Lewistown. Kathy has not prepared a fundraising letter yet but indicated that we still need to raise around \$2,000 more for this summer.
12. **Grant – The Third Way** - Kathy will send out by email information that she has on this. Kathy is also looking at another possible grant for the growing young purposes through the Omaha Foundation.
13. **Mission Co-Workers** – Charles and Melissa Johnson will be in Montana in August. They will be visiting churches in Dillon, Billings, Butte, Stanford, and Great Falls.
14. **Co General Presbyters' Report** - There was a written report with information in addition to what was discussed at the meeting.
15. **Preaching Cohort** – see report from George and Kathy.
16. **Insurance** - No report at this time. Jack is still working on this.
17. **Oswego Properties** – George has had a discussion with Lloyd Mandeville. Paul Helland is going to do some work on options for selling these two properties.
18. **St Timothy's** – The relationship with the Presbytery needs to be studied.
19. **Personnel Functions of the LC** - It was agreed that the LC needs to co-opt some people to help with the personnel functions of the LC. Jack Bell offered to be the point person for the LC and Paul Helland said he would help also. Jack will contact the suggested names to see if they are willing to be on this team.
20. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th in Billings.
21. **Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:30 p.m.