

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church, Billings**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**Present were:**

Susi Ennis (by phone)  
Jack Bell  
Suzanne Bratzky  
Jed Cauffman  
Dan Holland (by phone)  
Teresa Kendall (by phone)  
Steve Weber

**Absent:**

Kristin Willett

**Also present:**

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter (by phone)  
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk  
Dan Helland (currently nominated to be on the LC)

- 1. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Susi.
- 2. Christ Candle** – We did not have a candle as Susi was unable to attend in person.
- 3. Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
- 4. Docket** – The docket was approved as presented.
- 5. Introductions** – Each person introduced him/herself and shared a little information.
- 6. Minutes of October 11, 2016 and November 4, 2016**
  - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting.
  - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2016 special meeting.
- 7. Dwelling in the Word** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Exodus 18:13-26. 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.
- 8. Orientation** – George, Susi, and Debbie went over various documents and policies concerning the LC. Included were information on meetings, standing rules, purpose of the LC, vision statement of the Presbytery and ways of conducting business. There will be time for additional orientation at the March meeting.
- 9. Planning for February Presbytery meeting** – Most of this time was spent in phone conversation with Stan Ott who gave an overview of what he will be presenting at the meeting. Jack offered prayer for Stan and for our meal.
- 10. Lunch Break** – The LC recessed for lunch.
- 11. Planning for Presbytery meeting (continued)** – There was discussion about the spiritual gifts inventory and the need for a link to be on the website. Kathy will talk with Stan Ott about the possibilities for recording his presentation for those who are unable to attend. Kathy will get some dwelling in the word passages from Stan. Jack Bell offered to help with worship planning.
  - √ Motion passed for the offering at the February Presbytery meeting to be for the scholarship fund for Westminster Spires
- 12. Goals of the LC** – Goals for 2016 were reviewed and then some time was spent looking at goals for

2017. One new idea was an emphasis on equipping congregations in growing young. The theme for meetings will continue to emphasize spiritual gifts (equipping and sending the gifted into ministry). Susi will send out an email with a draft of the five goals for 2017 as well as the theme for Presbytery meetings.

- 13. Schedule of LC Meetings for 2017** – This will be discussed at a later time.
- 14. Co-General Presbyters' Report**– Kathy and George submitted a written report and reviewed some highlights from the report. So far there are four confirmed fellows from Whitworth for the summer of 2017 with the possibility of two more.
- 15. Vice Moderator of Presbytery** – Discussion of this will need to be continued at the March LC meeting. Jack Bell did report that in the Presbytery he visited in Africa, the moderator's term is for three years. Jack will also help (if needed) with planning worship for the May Presbytery meeting.
- 16. Extending the Docket** – Motion passed to extend the docket for twelve minutes.
- 17. Proposed Amendments** - Dan and Teresa reviewed two of the amendments prior to the meeting. The LC will make recommendations to the Presbytery based on the vote of the LC.
  - 16-A Child and Youth Protection Policy**  
Motion passed to concur with this amendment (recommend a yes vote).
  - 16-B Parity in Committees**  
Motion passed to concur with this amendment (recommend a yes vote).
- 18. Update on Grants** – refer to Co-GPs' report.
- 19. Zimbabwe Trip** – Jack reported on his November trip to Zimbabwe. When Jack asked the people there how he/we could help, they asked for prayer. So please remember to pray for the people in Zimbabwe.
- 20. Personnel** –No report at this time. Needs to be on agenda for March meeting.
- 21. Budget Report** – The year-end financials for 2016 are not yet available. Dan will provide Sheryl with email addresses for new members of LC (for receiving monthly financial reports). The YP portion of the funds from the old convocation account (approximately \$4,600) are now in an account waiting on action by the LC.
- 22. Synod Funds** – We need to apply for \$1,000 available for continuing education in 2017.
- 23. Camping Report** – George will send out report he received from Curt Kochner.
- 24. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Bozeman.
- 25. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:50 p.m.