

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Billings**

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

Present were:

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

Absent:

Kristin Willett
Teresa Kendall

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 one addition.
- 5. Minutes of March 7, 2017 -**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting.
- 6. Word –Share- Prayer** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Acts 10: 34-43. There was a time of reflecting on this passage to see how it was speaking to individuals and to us as LC. Jack closed this time with prayer for concerns that had been shared.
- 7. Campus Ministries**–Kim Woeste (Rocky Mountain College) and Rob Kirby (MSU-Billings) joined the group in Billings and Dan Krebill (Presby Cats) joined by phone. Each of these three people shared activities of their campus groups and presented grant requests for the 2017-2018 school year. After the presentations, these three left the meeting.
- 8. Lunch**– Susi offered prayer for our meal and the LC recessed for lunch.
- 9. Campus Ministries continued** – The LC reconvened and continued discussion of campus ministries. It was pointed out that there are several of our churches located in towns with higher education facilities. These congregations should be contacted to determine if there is interest in starting college ministries. The LC felt strongly that future funding of campus ministries should be tied to how these ministries are relating to the vision statement of the Presbytery. Jed offered to work on revising the grant application to reflect this. Susi will send out letters to grant applicants to let them know what we are looking for (regarding the vision statement).
 - √ Motion passed to call the question.
 - √ Motion passed to approve grant requests from the three campus ministries in the following amounts: Presby Cats (\$5,000), Rocky Mountain College (\$1,200), MSU-Billings (\$8,000). [Susi will prepare vouchers for these grant requests.]
- 10. Budget Report**– Dan Holland reported that the finances look good. At the next LC meeting we will consider the \$1,000 that is in an account waiting on Cabinet action.

- 11. Pastoral Transitions.** – George reviewed current and potential openings for pastors within the Presbytery. He also went over suggestions for future structuring of pastoral ministry. Ideas included having more CREs serving churches as well as congregations sharing pastoral leadership. George would like to present these ideas at the May Presbytery meeting. There needs to be more focus on how we disciple leaders and equip laity.
- 12. Insurance** – Jack Bell has had some discussions regarding the coverages that we currently carry. The buildings at Westminster Spires are covered on an agreed amount basis. Jack will continue to work on this and get some quotes for increased coverages. Suzanne Bratsky will ask Scot Thrasher to send Jack some information on the insurance for Rockhaven.
- 13. Planning for May Presbytery Meeting** – The planning group presented some ideas for continuing the training begun by Stan Ott. Some review will be done of Stan's presentations as well as covering material that Stan did not have time to go over.
- 14. Extending the Docket** –
 - √ Motion passed to extend the docket for 30 minutes.
- 15. Planning Continued** – It was noted that sharing some of Stan's stories would be important. We also want to look at ways that congregations can work together to support each other. If we use smaller groups for some discussions, it would be good to group people according to clusters. It would be helpful (for many sessions) to have a worksheet/diagram that outlines various steps in a simplified way. The planning group (Susi, Jack, Kathy, and Debbie) will meet again to finalize plans.
- 16. Whitworth Fellows** - Kathy will work on a funding request for the Fellows.
- 17. Report from Co-General Presbyters** - see report of Pastoring Possibilities.
- 18. Oswego Properties** – George has visited the properties in Oswego. He will contact someone in real estate for information on selling the land. Paul Hellend offered to assist also.
- 19. Offering at May Presbytery Meeting** -
 - √ Motion passed to designate the offering at the May Presbytery meeting in Dillon as an offering for the new church plant that Kristin and Brandon Willett will be moving to.
- 20. Personnel** – No report at this time.
- 21. Vice Moderator of Presbytery** – No action at this time.
- 22. Proposed Standing Rules Changes** – These need to be considered at the May LC meeting in order to be presented at the May Presbytery meeting.
- 23. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2nd in Bozeman.
- 24. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:40 p.m.