

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes  
Sept 11, 2018 at FPC Billings, Montana**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

**Present were:**

Susi Ennis  
Jack Bell  
Paul Helland  
Susan Thomas (Attended late)  
Suzanne Bratsky  
Dan Holland ( By phone call)  
Russ Cline( Guest )

**Absent:**

Teresa Kendall  
Julie Boksich  
Steve Weber

**Also present:**

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter (phone)  
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter  
Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk, Melissa Perrault-Baumann, Asst. Stated Clerk

**1, Docket was approved**

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the March 13, 2018 and the June 12, 2018 minutes were approved separately as written.

**3.** Meeting was opened with a lighting the Christ Candle, prayer by Moderator Susi and a dwelling in the word, John 19: 1-7.

Prayers of the people were specifically made for Jack Bell, Heather McClean, Kathy McClean, Susi's coming grandson, and Kathy's son needing employment.

**4. meeting agenda items**

**a.** An interim report of the Stated Clerk was given to the moderator and George Goodrich.

**b. Presbytery Meeting discussion.** A long discussion was held on key elements to be presented at the November meeting, A skit will be prepared by a team of the cabinet to express how the church can be a place for hope along the lines of "can you imagine.". Kathy, Suzanne, and Susi will develop the skit. Content will include how do we get pastors to buy into change and lead congregations so they recognize a need to change with a focus on the Gospel's good news and reframing failure to the positive side. Goals were reviewed and more emphasis placed on activity of the Cohorts. Spiritual development via possible regional retreats.

**c. Co- General Presbyter's report. A written report was submitted.**

The new insurance policy is signed and in force.

George and Kathy filed a written report and did a review of the goals which were set by the cabinet.

Some good and some not coming along so well. A question was raised on how do we make the work we do holy?

**d.** The special presbytery meeting on Friday was discussed and the docket planned.

**e.** Presbytery Sunday will not be held or proposed for this year.

**f.** The Whitworth summit will be held June 24 to 28, 2019.

**g.** The cohorts will meet Friday evening in Billings at FPC at 6:00 PM and listen to a sermon streamed on line. Everyone is invited to attend and experience this event.

**5. Treasurer Report-** Dan had submitted an updated preliminary budget figures for 2019 and some discussion followed. Key points of discussion were:

a. A discussion on how the budget process is going and a need for more input from the committees on what they need.

b. A issue of thanking people for their donations when they donate travel and other reimbursement was to be referred to the personnel committee for determining who should develop a thank you letter for an IRS recognized donation.

**6. Child Protective Policy-** it was discussed that the child protection policy still needed to be presented to the body of the presbytery with a preamble indicating some background on its formation and sources. In order for the presbytery to have a policy in force as soon as practical the cabinet recommended Curt, Cynthia, Melissa should prepare a draft and send it to the cabinet for comment.

**From our previous meeting it was originally to be an email vote, however the committee has now agreed it should be discussed with some training and emphasis on getting the churches to recognize their responsibility to protect our children. Therefor it deserves some time at our face to face meeting**  
The Presbytery vote for adoption is to contain. the background statement, a statement as to why we must do this, and that the individual churches need to adopt a similar policy. It can also be noted that the policy when in effect can reflect on the cost of insuring the church bodies and councils. (Book of Order section G-3.0106 specifically says councils of the church “**shall establish a child and youth protection policy**”)

**7. Personnel Sub-committee.**

**The committee was charged with getting the thank you note to donors procedure responsibility assigned to someone.**

**They are to complete the review of the draft job description for the assistant stated clerk position for final approval of the cabinet.**

**8. Co GP reported** no one from the Presbytery office will be attending the October meeting of the annual conference of church leaders in Chicago due to a lack of desire and funding.

**9. Next year's presbytery meeting dates** were discussed and it was decided;

- Stated meeting at FPC Billings March 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>. (This is a firm date, place and time )
- A 2 hour phone in stated meeting to be held with regional gatherings in June (No date set)
- A fall stated meeting in either Anaconda or Lewistown preferably in October
- The final dates locations to be set during the October meeting of the cabinet.

**10.** The meeting closed with prayers by the people at 3:04 PM.

Next meeting of the cabinet will be in Bozeman October 9, 2018 at 10:00 AM at 1<sup>st</sup> FPC Bozeman.

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk