

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2018 at FPC Bozeman, Montana**

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

Meeting opened with a prayer by the Moderator.

**Present were:**

Susi Ennis  
Jack Bell  
Teresa Kendall  
Julie Boksich  
Steve Weber  
Paul Helland  
Suzanne Bratsky  
Dan Holland  
Russ Cline (Guest)

**Absent:**

Susan Thomas

**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 September 11, 2018 were approved as written.

**3. Dwelling in the word,** Acts 17:1-7

Prayers of the people were specifically made for Mary Davis, Linda Smith, Jack Bell, Heather Mclean, Kathy Mclean, Travelers George and Kathy Goodrich, and Susi Ennis.

**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 continued discussion was held on key elements to be presented at the November meeting, A skit will still 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 are developing Goals were reviewed and more emphasis placed on activity of the Cohorts. Spiritual development via possible regional retreats. A Promo for the meeting will be put out before the meeting to the churches to get them excited to come. Mark Fry is to be limited to a 15minute presentation during meeting time on Friday as he will conduct a seminar before the meeting from 10:00AM to Noon and additional time will be just for explaining why he is here and available during break times.

Optional will be a presentation by Chase Werhold of Witworth College office of Church Engagement who will be present by video.

The **planning team** was advised to finish final plans before the October 23 deadline.

Information during the opening session will include materials on how to handle divisions in the church. Opening time to be limited to 20 minutes and more time allowed for breakout discussion items.

**> It was Voted:** The special offering at the November meeting worship will go to Paul Neshangwe of the Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe.

**c.** Meeting dates for 2018 were discussed. It was repeated the March meeting will be at FPC Billings March 8, 9 2019. More discussion was held on the following meetings with a discussion revolving around May and June dates for a phone in business meeting on Saturday preceded by regional retreats

on a Friday in places Like Butte. Bozeman. Billings, and Miles City hosting regional retreats. Pentecost weekend was supported as the date for this event.

**>It was voted:** June 8 will be a phone in meeting for a business only meeting with groups gathering at the regional meeting sites.

**> It was voted:** The fall meeting will be in Lewistown November 1,2 2019. (The church in Lewistown is to confirm this location and date.)

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

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.

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

**6. Treasurer Report-** Dan had submitted an updated preliminary budget figures for 2019 and some discussion followed. Key points of discussion were what to set as the Per-capita amount.

**>It was Voted:** The per-capita for 2019 is recommended to be \$41.55 per member for the presbytery and a total of \$54.00 per member with the Synod and GA included.

**7. Child Protective Policy-** Susi agreed that she would work out a form to be provided to each church and clerk of session to indicate how and when they will comply with the Book of Order requirement to develop a policy. Susi will include the cover letter and policy with the LC report to the Presbytery for action.

**> It was voted:** The sessions of each church will be given a letter and will be asked to report on the adoption of the churches policy on Child and Youth Protection within a reasonable time after the final adoption of the Presbyteries policy.

**Clerk Note:** (Book of Order section G-3.0106 specifically says councils of the church “**shall establish a child and youth protection policy**”.)

**8. Personnel Sub-committee.**

The committee was charged with conducting a review of the Stated Clerk position following this meeting of the LC. They are also to complete the review of the draft job description for the assistant stated clerk position for final approval of the cabinet.

**9. a review of all the votes required of the Presbytery from the General Assembly 223 meeting.**

**Ratification for or opposed was requested** by the Stated Clerks office of the General Assembly.

**Committees are to be assigned to review** the listed items from the index of items to vote on as follows:

- 18A to be referred to LC
- 18B to be referred to PMT
- 18C to be referred to LC
- 18D to be referred to PMT
- 18E to be referred to PMT
- 18F to be referred to LC
- 18G-H to be referred to PMT/LC/PJC

**10. Oswego Property:** It was decided that Paul Helland would again speak with Mr. Wolfe, who had previously expressed interest, to see if he is still interested. If he is, the idea is to negotiate in such a way as the Presbytery is not responsible for any closing costs so that there is no cost to the Presbytery.

**> It Was Voted: (If the way be clear)** to approve the property transfer. Note: (No financial gain or loss to the presbytery will be involved except elimination of liability going forward)

**11. Clerk report: no actions required except as already noted above.**

**12. \$4,000 remains from the joint Glacier Yellowstone communication training meeting in Helena.**

The money needs to be used for an event between the 2 presbyteries or Yellowstone and possibly

Wyoming if an event could be quickly planned and Glacier would be willing to release the funds. It will require 2 presbyteries to work together. The GP's will work on ideas. And report.

13. The meeting closed with prayers by the people at 3:12 PM.

Next meeting of the cabinet was not set. There may be a phone in meeting is any actions of the presbytery in November requires it to be needed.

Jim Tarr Stated Clerk