

Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019, at FPC-Bozeman

Present in Bozeman: Julie Boksich, Dan Holland, Russ Kline, Jim Tarr Stated Clerk, Teresa Kendall, Moderator; Kathy and George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyters

Present on Phone: Diane White, Paul Helland, Susi Ennis, Susan Thomas (joined later)

Absent: Melissa Perrault-Baumann, assistant Stated Clerk, Jack Bell

1. The Moderator lit the Christ Candle and led the opening prayer...
 - **The Docket was adopted as revised:** A St Timothy's Chapel report was added.
 - **The minutes for meeting Dec 13 were approved.**
 - **Approved the Corporation Letter** stating the officers of the corporation to be attached to the Minutes.
 - **Re Approved Minutes for the Leadership Cabinet October 9, 2018** Kathy presented wording for correction to the minutes, Change was discussed in December and corrections represented today. Corrections are to be placed in the original minutes.
 - **Action:** Jim will cut and paste and get posted to the website.
2. **Dwelling in the Word** and Prayer: Paul Helland led 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. An invitation and challenge to pray for and live into the Spiritual Gifts.
3. **Review goals LC set for 2018** – Teresa Kendall led the discussion and George recorded the on the goals that were met, those that were not met or changed as the year progressed, and those that might need to move forward to 2019.
4. **Co-General Presbyters' Report- The Co GP's provided a written report. They challenged the leadership to:**
 1. **Consider importance of getting elders to get training and become CRE's**
 2. Get a Macro view of all the financial support needed to keep the presbytery able to function with reduction in Synod support
 - a. Finances, Look at Grants at GA and Synod.
 - b. Find out who will find resources and bring them to us.
 - c. And ask churches to consider tithing to the Presbytery
 3. Someone is needed to bring us up to speed with meeting technology
5. **Creating Goals for 2019:** Julie Boksich listed the ideas for 2019 goals and Kathy took pictures and sent them to the phone call in members.
 - **Action:** Julie will compile and send the list of proposed goals to the LC. This was a brain storming session and will take some more organization and follow-up by the LC. George reported the following commentary on the session:
 - a. **Encourage and create disciple-making culture.**
 1. Collecting and sharing stories of God at work.
 2. Identifying key practices of disciple-making culture – enticing sessions to use dwelling in the word / Word-Share-Prayer per Stan Ott

3. Do more with Growing Young – activate a sub-group of new and experienced to help guide the presbytery / LC in exploring and practicing growing young...
 4. Modeling discipleship... 1 Cor 11:1: “Copy me as I copy Christ Himself.”
 5. Encourage Pastors to understand and adopt discipleship mindset... And help lay people catch the vision for what it can be... What is the pastoral role, call and communication in 2019? And the role of lay leaders today.
- b. Support Spiritual nurture of pastors and leaders across the presbytery...**
1. Clusters - Provide resources for clusters and pastors, retreats, etc. Creating supportive relationships among pastors
 2. Prayer calendar... integrate it across; Prayer updates (Kathy) – Especially, prayers for healing at this time. Time for prayer in the presbytery meetings. Healing ministry. Build a prayer and healing team. Identifying Gifts and call.
- c. Foster Community in the Presbytery...**
- i. Presbytery Sunday? Identifying someone on Pby who will spearhead it. Organizer?
 - ii. Send out stories to churches for the presbytery Sunday. Who is the collector
 1. Maybe Susan Thomas?
 - iii. Mission: Collect the stories and facilitate Mission opportunities... Jack Bell?
 1. Joining Christ in His mission...
 2. New worshipping communities.
 - iv. John 20:19-23... Matthew 28:18-20
- d. “God’s provision for God’s Mission....”**
1. Presbytery Budget
 2. Time, Treasure, Tithe, Talent,
 3. Grants?
6. **Business: March Presbytery Meeting;** the final plans for the March meeting will be completed at the next LC meeting.
- **Approved:** Mark Frey to do a pre-presbytery workshop. Confirmed timing for 10:30 -12:00.
- a. Possible Topics for training and equipping.
1. Stewardship in the Presbytery and what is working well for the Churches
 2. Growing Young examples and outcomes of the study in churches doing the study.
 3. Create a Disciple-making culture.
 - i. Finding ways to handle divisiveness
 - ii. How did Jesus make disciples?
- **Action:** Susi, Julie, Kathy, Russ – Presbytery meeting planning team.
7. **Personnel Committee Report** –It was reported that Jack is the Chair and will excuse himself from issues relating to Melissa. Susi gave a report as she was added to the committee at the December meeting and responded to questions.
- **Action:** Jack and Susi will set date for subgroup to meet, before next LC meeting
8. **Finance Report:** Report will come out Jan 16th, Dan Holland reported.
- a. Co-GP’s raised \$38,200-plus. Their support is up 10% over 2018.
 - b. George recapped the trend in the Presbytery admin budget. Synod’s decreased its support from \$75,000 in 2004. To \$0.00 in 2019.

- c. Fund-raising ideas were discussed.
- d. The 2018 deficit will be smaller than expected.
- e. It was commented, the church may need to move away from membership model and per capita to finding people who will pay for support they are getting from the church.
Example, Dillon church got \$5,000 from an acquaintance in Seattle to use as Daniel sees fit.

- **Action:** Kathy to consider sharing the story of how God is providing through asking, to be included in Yellowstone Currents. Particularly inform the fellowship how folks who are not Presbyterian are supporting the church and how effective narrative budgets are working where applied.

9. Presbytery Dates:

March 8-9 Billings

June 8 – Regional meeting – Technology Connected- Consider Zoom suggested

November 1-2 Lewistown

10. Camping and Youth:

- a. Winter Retreat in Butte, February 22-24.
- b. Summer Camp Dates set a little later due to holiday dates this year. Staff training July 10-13, Elementary camp July 14-18, Jr High camp, 21-26 July and Senior high camp, July 28 to August 2.
- c. Jim Tarr Reported that Cynthia is not going to serve this year as Craft Hall. Who? Need appeal suggestions.
- d. The PCCC has recommended a three-tier format for camp fees.
- e. George reported we should look at Rockhaven site. Upgrade the web presence: refer to Kristin, Garrett and George
- **Action:** Upgrade the web presence for camps, Garrett and Kristin to be contacted by George to ask them for help.

11. Property –

- a. **Oswego Property** – James Johnson, realtor, in Wolf Point, will look at the property to give an appraisal or estimate of value.
- **Action:** Paul will send James Johnson’s report onto the whole LC.

- 12. **Rep Nom** – Teresa contacted Caroline Fleming to chair rep/nom for the coming year. Suzanne contacted Lanny Rounds for the vacant slot in 2021. Lanny said yes.

- **Action:** a vote on the Rep/Nom Committee Moderator as Caroline, and Lanny as a new member, to be done at the March Meeting

13. LC Schedule 2019:

Feb 12, Billings

April 9, Bozeman

May14, Billings

July & August no meeting

Sept 10, Bozeman

Oct 8, Billings

Dec No Meeting.

- 14. **General Assembly Amendments** assigned by the LC to the LC to the Book of Order were reviewed.

Results of the discussions were:

- Consensus Yes 18 A
- Voted yes 18 C
- Voted Yes 18 F
- Action; the following is a very brief summary of the content of these changes. The members and delegates to the March meeting need to be informed by the moderator these and the other committee recommendations:

18A – Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons... Minimum of three persons on nominating committee and one should be an elder currently serving on session.

Consensus to recommend approval.

18C – Officers – God is Lord of the Conscience... A “Yes” recommendation No one, representing any entities of the PCUSA may endorse a candidate...

18F – Welcoming to the table... A Yes... with on-going education... But remember the holiness of Communion....

- Next month LC is to choose the persons to speak to the overtures.
 - **Action:** the stated clerk is to notify the PJC of actions they need to take to review the overtures on disciplinary changes.

15. State Clerk report - Getting out reports; and where to find the information. The GA is asking for more info this year.

- **Action:** Jim will follow-up reviewing the submitted reports by clerks of session.
- **Action:** Jim will send out the necrology report form.
- **Action:** Jim will send out the data the clerks need to be posting on the year-end statistics so they can pull it together before going on line.
- a. **Per Capita is due the end of January** and PBK will pay to cover churches that do not submit per capita payments.
 - Per Capita interpretive piece;** GA has a prepared piece. Do we prepare another piece?
 - **Action:** Dan Holland has prepared a piece for currents.
 - **Action:** Teresa will share her bulletin inserts on per capita with the cabinet.
- b. **Review the Admin Manual:** this needs to be done because it needs to be updated to conform to the revisions to the book of Order since it was written. Much of the information approved at past Presbytery meetings was never incorporated in the manual.
- c. **2014 Manual needs to be updated. It is on the website.**
 - **help! Who can get the Administrative Manual up to date?** Group needed to talk with Debbie Blackburn on bringing this up to speed. Standing rules are current and on-line. The office of the Stated Clerk should assist in locating all current manual items. Other top priorities for Stated Clerk must be done ahead of this.
- d. **Nominations to the management group at St Timothy’s chapel are needed. At least two new members need to be found. An issue was discussed regarding support of the presbytery but little to no support of the presbytery from the Chapel. George suggested this;**
 - a. **Not a top priority; So get someone from the presbytery....**
 - 1) George to contact Cal Boyle and John Lombardi**

16. Meeting closed with prayer by Susi at 3:00 PM

Jim Tarr
Stated Clerk, Yellowstone Presbytery