

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Special Phone Call Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2019**

Moderator Teresa Kendall called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.
Meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. Teresa Kendall

Present on call were:

Susi Ennis
Teresa Kendall
Julie Boksich
Paul Helland
Susan Thomas
Suzanne Bratsky
Dan Holland

Absent:

Jack Bell
Russ Kline
Diane White

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter
Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk

1. Due to some late call-ins a Quorum was declared about 15 minutes into the meeting start time.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the May meeting were not available for review and approval.

3. Dwelling in the word was led by Rev. Teresa Kendall reading Psalm 50: vs 1-6 and 22-23.

Prayer by Rev. Teresa Kendall after the discussion.

4. Meeting agenda items;

A. A proposed change to the medical allowance for the office secretary was presented by the Personnel Committee.

>It was voted and approved to provide an additional \$1000 towards the Administrative Assistant's (Susan Seibert) medical insurance for 2019." (Note: The effect of this vote will increase the amount provided in the Administrative Assistant's benefits budget line from \$2000 to \$3000.)
One vote was cast against the motion.

B. To let the treasurer know the cabinet has approved certain grants from the Higher Education Fund to three organizations which the cabinet met with at its May meeting. This resulted in the following vote:

> It was voted and approved that the Treasurer is now authorized to make payments of \$1500 to Rocky Mountain College to support hunger and homelessness awareness initiatives; \$1500 to MSU-Billings to support the peer ministry program; and \$3000 to PresbyCats for collegiate ministry. The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this motion to the Treasurer. The Moderator was also asked to send a letter to these organizations in conjunction with these payments which asks the recipients to encourage their students to participate in activities of the local churches.

C. Reports: Susi reported on the flyer for the September retreat gatherings around the Presbytery. Everyone was asked to present this opportunity to everyone they can contact within the presbytery to encourage them to participate.

>It was agreed the flyer could be distributed as prepared.

d. Presbytery Meeting discussion.

The Presbytery Meeting Planning Team reported on plans for the November meeting. The meeting will involve the need to possibly do more work than the time usually needed for our meetings. Stan Ott will be leading two essential presentations on Friday and Saturday which will need more time for serious consideration by the Presbytery. On top of this, the PMT may have several actions and examinations which will be needed if there were no special meetings setup beforehand. The cabinet has been asked by the Planning Team to consider a special meeting of the Presbytery to hear, at a minimum, some of the examinations which may be needed. 3 Possible exams are now being considered and more may come up from churches which are actively seeking a pastor. The PMT has a special meeting planned for August 13th and could decide what will be needed to handle the known examinations.

- **It was approved by consensus** to ask the PMT to consider a special meeting of the Presbytery in conjunction with the regular PMT meeting scheduled on Sept 12th in Bozeman or the regular LC meeting scheduled on Oct 8 in Billings. The PMT is to let the cabinet know what is the better date to call this special meeting.

church response, commitments and actions taken has been prepared.

e. Clerk report: The minutes of this meeting were read by the Stated Clerk and were approved at the close of the meeting.

The Clerk again asked the cabinet to consider using Zoom as a meeting site for special meetings of committees and the Presbytery. Moderator Teresa Kendall took a Zoom 101 Webinar on July 25th. More information will be sought before a decision is made.

5. Adjournment- Suzanne Bratsky offered a concluding prayer to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Jim Tarr
Stated Clerk