

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019 at FPC Billings, Montana**

Moderator Teresa Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
Meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. Susan Thomas

Present were:

Susi Ennis (by phone)
Jack Bell
Teresa Kendall
Julie Boksich (by phone)
Diane White
Paul Helland
Susan Thomas
Suzanne Bratsky
Dan Holland (by phone)
Russ Kline

Absent:

None

Also present:

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

1. Docket was approved

2. Minutes. Minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and amendments assigned to the assistant stated clerk to revise and forward to the stated clerk for finalization. An email vote to adopt will be sought after all corrections are made.

3. Dwelling in the word. Led by Rev. Diane White, we dwelt in the gospel of John 20: 19-23 (NIV). After much discussion, a prayer was offered by Rev. George Goodrich.

4. Meeting agenda items:

a. Co-GP report was handed out and discussed.

b. **LC Goals for 2019** were handed out in summary form and several revisions proposed.

c. Susan Thomas gave a verbal camp report and passed around the binder Curt Kochner prepared to guide the camp staff. Curt has kept a history and maintained records of the camping experiences over many years.

d. Presbytery Meeting discussion.

The task group reported on plans for the March meeting. The meeting will involve the change in Moderator and Vice Moderator and

- **it was approved** to do the installation and recognition, with thanks to the former leaders, as a part of the evening worship service instead of at the opening session of the meeting.

The **planning team** was advised to finish all final plans before the Feb 28th deadline for publication. The team provided a written report of planned activity for the meeting and was discussed. The Dwelling in the Word passage will come from the Book of Acts.

- **Speaker** needed for Friday evening, someone passionate about discipleship

- **Title/theme** needed for meeting. The suggestion of “I Will Follow Him” was discussed, not decided on.
- **Offering** choice needs to be made for the designation of the collection.

e. Susan Thomas indicated a desire to stop being the editor/head of Yellowstone Currents. The cabinet is to help seek a replacement to relieve her from this task.

- Personnel: Job description/mission for Currents head, for advertising for position
- Publication date to be changed to the middle of month

f. The treasurer presented the year-end financial report. The administration portion of the budget ended on the plus side. General Mission support is also positive.

- It was voted to move funds as follows:
 - \$2,563.74 Springhill fund (the last of the remaining fund) to Admin P&L
 - \$12,688.00 West Yellowstone fund to Admin P&L
 - \$1,605.34 Program reserves to Admin P&L

George indicated a donor has created an annuity remainder trust with the presbytery as beneficiary and he suggests more people need to be made aware the PCUSA foundation can help people make these type estate distribution decisions. Rob Hagen would like to speak again to the Presbytery at some future meeting.

- Kathy: contact foundation – Rob Hagen

Our financial records have not been getting an independent annual review as required by the BoO.

- Dan: Ask Debbie Blackburn if she is willing to assist doing the review of YP financial records

g. St Timothy was reported on by George. Income was approx. \$27,000 and expenses were the same. Ron and George continue to discuss reorganization issues and a proposal of a management team is in the works.

h. Rep/Nom has recommendations for new additions to Camping and Youth.

- **Action:** At the March meeting LC will need to recommend that Caroline Fleming continue as moderator and to add Lanny Rounds as a committee member.

5. Personnel. Susi is now chair of the committee and she reported on its meeting conclusions with Jim Tarr regarding the transition process and getting training scheduled for Melissa. The transition will be planned for November in Lewistown, if the way be clear. Several training sessions will be held starting in April with staff and former clerk Debbie on various elements of the job. The committee has not recommended any form of partial transfer of responsibilities of the office of stated clerk and she will be expected to assume all the duties of the office, if elected at that time.

- Melissa was instructed to apply for the stated clerk training at the OGA in March. Either the Presbytery or the OGA will be covering her expenses.
- **It was voted** If the OGA does not cover all the expense for her training, \$2,000 from unused general fund is allocated to be used to pay for her cost to attend.

7. Child and Youth Protection Policy. A form tracking church response, commitments and actions taken, has been prepared.

- Diane: check with Safe Gatherings re: use of a camera instead of a 2nd person being present.
- Suzanne: call the insurance company re: use of a camera instead of a 2nd person being present.

8. Oswego property- Paul briefed on status and issues with getting the property sold. He was asked to negotiate with the realtor on a fixed fee basis instead of a sale % fee basis so we might get him more interested in moving the property without a loss to the Presbytery.

9. Geyser Property- The commission has not met and agrees it needs to meet. Charlie has been asked by Jim to negotiate with a realtor in Lewistown to handle the sale.

10. A review of all the votes required of the Presbytery from the General Assembly 223 meeting.

Ratification by Yellowstone will be voted on at the March meeting with the LC position to be briefed as follows:

18-A to be briefed by Teresa with a recommendation of a yes vote.

18-C to be briefed by Teresa for a yes, as the majority vote and George for a no, as a minority vote.

18-F to be briefed by Teresa with a recommendation of a yes vote.

- Teresa: write up statements on 18-A and 18-F
- George: write up statements on 18-C

It was reported the PJC will meet this evening and come up with their recommendations for 18-G, 18-H, 18H.1 and 18H.2

It was reported the PMT has already met but we do not know who will report.

10. Cooperation with Wyoming Presbytery about an educational event to be held in Jackson Hole the weekend of June 2, 2019 was discussed and agreed that we would assist minimally with a limit of \$500 to \$1,000 and if it proceeds, to help promote participation within Yellowstone. No objections heard.

11. The June 8th meeting- It will be a phone in type meeting, starting at 9:00 AM with Dwelling in the Word, and an agenda from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM set aside for business of the presbytery. Final planning to be deferred to the April LC meeting. Additional plans were discussed at length with no voted action on place, content, or regional retreats decided. A suggestion to bring in Diane Ross from Seattle to one site to facilitate a discussion on safe gatherings was made.

- Kathy: contact Diane Ross for availability, perhaps March 2020
- Kathy: contact Brad Griffin and Tammy Letts re: Growing Young and us joining with them

12. Clerk report: The clerk was not asked to give a report.

13. Adjournment- Adjourned at 3:00 PM. George Goodrich offered a concluding prayer.

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk