

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019 at FPC Bozeman, Montana**

Moderator Teresa Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Teresa lit the Christ candle and meeting opened with a prayer by Paul Helland.

Present were:

Susi Ennis (by phone)
Jack Bell
Teresa Kendall
Julie Boksich
Diane White (by phone)
Paul Helland (by phone)

Absent:

Susan Thomas
Suzanne Bratsky
Dan Holland
Russ Kline

Also present:

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

- 1. Docket** was approved with an added a Geyser commission report.
- 2. Minutes.** Minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 3. Dwelling in the word.** Was Led by Julie Boksich, we dwelt in the gospel of Luke chapter 9 vs 10-17. After much discussion, a prayer was offered by Julie.
- 4. Meeting agenda items:**
 - a.** Susi gave a report on the evaluation sheets from the March 29 Presbytery Meeting. Positives were the preaching by Rev. Daniel Triller, the video, the pre-meeting presentation by Rob Hagan, small group discussions. The negatives were too much content in too little time, small groups need more time and less time on summary, for the handouts a suggestion of numbering and colored paper, more time needed to complete the charts, to name a few.
 - b.** Susi will write a thank you letter to Rob Hagan.
 - c.** A pre-meeting discussion was held to plan the June meeting events. It was decided that the regional retreat concept needs to be tried in one place with one group of leaders who then could evaluate process before moving on to anymore meetings. Consensus was to hold the first one in Butte. The next ones maybe in Jordan and/or Terry, Stanford and/or Lewistown. A team was formed to work on this planning consisting of Russ Kline, Julie Boksich, and Diane White which would cover people close to each of the regions discussed.
 - d.** Key decisions were keep the retreats to no more than 3 key issues, no longer than 5 hours, and have an assessment taken so an improvement can be made in meetings that follow the original one. The three key issues to be considered are continuing sessions from "In the Dust of the Rabbi" Ray Vander Laan videos, Stan Ott Concepts, and the "Canoeing the Mountains" book by Tom Bolsinger.
 - e.** The June presbytery meeting scheduled for June 8th as a phone conference, should be from 9:00 AM for "Dwelling in the Word" and the business portion starting at 10:00 and run to no later than 12:30 PM. It will primarily be a business only meeting. It is to include a report on the gathering in Jackson Hole, "Won't You Be My Neighbor". Other content will include minutes' approval of the March meeting,

docket approval, an action item on the St Timothy organizational change, an abbreviated “Dwelling in the Word” and a report on the first regional retreat to encourage a follow-up in another region.

f. All members are encouraged/requested to watch the podcast “Canoeing the Mountains” in the next month.

g. Final planning by the Presbytery meeting planning group will be done for the May LC meeting.

5. Melissa gave a report on her Stated Clerk training in Louisville.

Important things noted were telling a story but keep the content brief. Networking with others and finding out we do a lot of things differently than what other presbyteries were doing. The need for records to be sent to the Historical Preservation group and seeing how much work will be involved to get our churches to do this work properly. We closed her report with a prayer for her and asked God to help her in the process of doing the work of the clerk’s office.

6. Finance Qtr report was written and submitted by Dan. It was noted that the updated insurance is most likely to exceed the budgeted amount, otherwise we’re on pace.

7. Personnel report was made by Susi with no actions to be taken.

8. PMT report was supplied via email from Dave Thompson.

9. St Timothy’s was reported on by George. His written report is attached.

> **It was voted:** to recommend to the presbytery; item 1. rescinding the St. Timothy’s Financial Procedures document, item 2. that the presbytery reviews the 2018 year-end financial report and approve the budget the St Timothy’s committee adopted for 2019.

Also, that the next meeting of the presbytery includes a presentation about the mission of St Timothy Chapel before the vote.

10. The Camping and Youth report was made as a part of the Co-GP report.

11. Currents: options discussed to assist Susan while a new director is being found.

12. The Higher Education Grant Request form was reviewed and approved. The Moderator will send the form for this year out to the potential applicants. The due date for filing the requests will be May 4th.

The grantees are to be given 20 minutes each and are to appear before the cabinet after the lunch hour on May 14th at FPC Billings. Applications are to be forwarded to Teresa.

> **It was voted:** The total amount to be offered from the special fund will total \$6,000.00 this year.

13. Child and Youth Protection Policy. A form tracking church response was reviewed and a majority of the churches have not completed the process. There has been resistance from some leaders with regards to the documents needed. Efforts are being made to help them. Goal was set to have all the church policies done by June 2019.

14. Geyser property was reported by Susi to have an offer coming. The contact person there is Fern Kaiser.

15. Oswego property was reported by Paul, no changes at this time.

16. Clerk report: The clerk reported on the annual statistics and that the effort to get churches to pay the per-capita fee does not go well and some churches do not pay their amount due and most do not pay on time. The record review meeting did not go well as we are not providing a report of our PJC past members who are eligible to serve up to 6 years after the end of their terms. We also are not keeping a record nor doing the work of reviewing the minute’s books and registries of the churches in our presbytery. The clerk was instructed to ask Dave Thompson what the total offering for the Camp scholarships came to, so it can be reported. The LC was advised of changes to the Draft minutes of the March meeting which were being accepted and made as they come in.

> **It was decided to recommend to the PMT** that at the June regional gatherings, churches will need to have the church clerks attend with their books and a team will need to be established to review the documents at each location.

17. The Co-GP report was given by both Kathy and George with a focus on opportunities for helping the small churches share pastors so a pastor in the mostly rural areas can have access to a pastor who is

paid full time and serves more than one church. Equipping and educating these churches to consider this approach has been difficult but where it is done it is working well.

We will get only one **Whitworth Fellow** this summer as it now stands. Suggested that we look at establishing a Residency and/or Internship program here in the summer of 2020.

> **It was Voted:** to extend the meeting 10 minutes so we could complete hearing these 2 last reports.

18. Melissa reviewed the action item list for this meeting and requested members follow-up by email to let her know when items were completed or changed. The list will be emailed by Teresa.

19. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM by a vote of the committee. Melissa offered a closing prayer and George Goodrich offered a prayer for healing, with a laying on of his hand, for Jack Bell.

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk