

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC)  
April 21, 2020**

This was a regular meeting and was called via ZOOM due to the COVID-19 Pandemic rules and guidelines.

Meeting of the initial session of meetings opened with a prayer by Teresa Kendall at 10:06 AM.

**Present were:**

MWS Susi Ennis  
MWS Teresa Kendall (Moderator)  
MWS Susan Thomas  
RE Julie Boksich  
MWS Diane White  
RE Suzanne Bratsky  
RE Russ Kline  
RE Ric Tieman  
MWS Jamie Schmeling

**Absent and Excused:**

**Also, present:**

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

1. A Quorum was declared. Docket for the meeting was approved  
Minutes of the meetings March 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1st, 2020 were presented and approved as modified by Ric Tieman citing the name of the insurance agent needed changing and he was asked to send the change to the Stated Clerk.
2. The dwelling in the word was led by Diane White on Psalm 91. Topics Trust, Fortress, and Shelter, followed by a 2 minutes checking in time. A closing prayer was offered by Susan.
3. **The Co General Presbyters** report by George Goodrich who presented some observations:
  - a. A discussion was held on how the Presbytery might help some of the churches and how we can lead them during these difficult times.
  - b. How do we learn what their core issues are?
  - c. What has surprised us?
  - d. Rural folks that have connections seem to like the new forms.
  - e. People are coming back that had been away.
  - f. Maybe we are seeing a new normal.
  - g. More people are becoming connected.
  - h. More listening to each other is needed.
  - i. Book recommended "The Protective Canopy"
  - j. Consider trying to stop normalizing things that cannot be normalized.
  - k. The view from above is different than the view some people are seeing.
  - l. Russ sees the church growing not shrinking.
  - m. Julie indicated we own the commission and now is our chance to use it.

- n. Kathy asked for us to build teams to locate skills needed both within and outside the current fellowships.

After much discussion we recessed for a lunch break, to return at 12:30 to continue.

4. It was decided the May 15, 16 Presbytery meeting will be held via Zoom. Participants will be given instructions to prepare for the meeting in advance by watching one of the Acts movies on Amazon Prime which can be either viewed from home or at some of the churches which have internet access. 3 copies of the video will be made available for each church.
5. **Treasurer Ric Tieman** advised we have received \$107,000 from the churches this year vs \$95,000 at this time last year. Per-capita is ahead, \$25,700 came from Bank for payroll support under the Cares act, and \$9,000 came in from St Timothy. We is also getting the credit cards collected and correctly issued.
  - It was voted to ask Debbie Blackburn to complete aa audit of the financial records of the Presbytery
  - It was voted the amount to be available for Higher Education grants for 2020 will be \$6,000 and to send a letter to prospective college units. To work on the requests will be a team of Ric, George, Debbie Blackburn and Suzanne.
6. Susi Ennis reported the Geyser Commission. The LC will seek approval to complete the actions required for the sale of the property from the Presbytery at the May meeting in order to avoid a delay in completing the sale.
7. George and Jamie will attend the final closing service for the Harlowton Church June 28, 2020
8. The clerk requested the financial review voted on under the treasurer report. The Clerk announced the GA will definitely be a virtual meeting on a shortened schedule during selected times June 20 to 27.
9. Camping for this summer season is still undecided with a May 15 deadline pending for the final decision.
10. **The next meeting** of the LC will be called for May 12, 2020 from 10AM to 12:00 NOON to review final preparation for the ZOOM Presbytery meeting .
11. **Voted to adjourn the** meeting at 1:55 PM and a closing prayer was offered by Suzanne Bratsky.

**Jim Tarr**

**Stated Clerk**

**Minutes approved Sept 10, 2020**