

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC)
June 9, 2020**

This was a special meeting and was called via ZOOM to allocate funds from the higher education grant funds and other actions of the presbytery as needed.

Meeting opened with a prayer by Russ Kline at 10:00 AM

Present were:

MWS Susi Ennis

MWS Teresa Kendall (Moderator)

MWS Diane White (came into meeting later)

RE Suzanne Bratsky

RE Russ Kline

RE Ric Tieman

MWS Jamie Schmeling

Absent and Excused:

MWS Susan Thomas

RE Julie Boksich

Also, present:

MWS George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter

MWS Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter

RE Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk,

RE Melissa Bell, Assistant Stated Clerk

1. A Quorum was declared.
2. The dwelling in the word was led by Russ on Acts 6, 1-7. We discussed how we will help and encourage our churches to do the work needed under these Covid-19 conditions and need to change this meeting to a zoom meeting. There is always work to be done, now it will be done differently, and how God uses complaints to move people to do things a new way.
3. It was announced Diane White has resigned from FPC Lewistown effective May 1st, 2020. She will no longer be serving on the cabinet and will create a vacancy on the personnel committee.
 - **It was voted to** accept her resignation and to thank her in person as she joins the committee at 1:25PM today.
4. Teresa led the gathering with a 2 minute each checking in time prayer and we took a lunch break.
5. The Co-General Presbyters gave a report and update on issues facing the presbytery as well as discussed some of the family issues being faced. The time spent was on Reflections, Realizations, and Insights. Basically questioning how do we lead the presbytery in Christ's justice and a consideration of Mica 6:8. "How do we guide the church in this conversation?"
6. Rev. Diane White joined the meeting and was given words of appreciation and thanks for her service to the Presbytery. A Prayer was offered by Teresa. She will be headed to Pastor a small town in Northeastern AZ and her last day of preaching in Lewistown will be August 2, 2020. The new Presbytery will be Grand Canyon.
7. Special offering from the Presbytery meeting totaled \$645.98.
8. Susi reported the Geyser auction sale will take place June 25, 2020

9. Report from the Personnel committee: John Patterson, elder at FPC Bozeman, was suggested to be asked to join the committee to fill the position previously held by Jack Bell. Now the Committee has a need to fill the position previously held by Diane White, and this should be a MWS. This committee needs to consider the issues Susan Seibert and the Co-GP's are experiencing. A reminder that Personnel helps prepare the 2021 budget for the presbytery.
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 - **It was voted to** recommend Rev. Chuck Carlson be recommended to replace Diane White (1 ½ year left on her term) on the Leadership Cabinet. (Teresa will contact Caroline Fleming on the committee on Representation of this Presbytery.)
11. Treasurer Ric Tieman reported on how church's can use the Social Justice Fund for offering assistance. Fees to use this process will run about 2%. He also reported Debbie Blackburn has agreed to do the review of the financial records with help from Dan Holland.
 - **It was voted to** allow the treasurer to complete the application process for the PPE funds available through the CARES act.
12. The LC conducted a review of funding requests for the Higher education funds, other funds planned and after a review the following were decided:
 - a. \$2,000 to MSU Presbycats
 - b. \$2,000 to RMC Campus Chaplaincy
 - c. No Funds to MSUB campus ministry until more justification and clarifications can be received.
 - d. Letters to churches in Butte, Dillion, and Miles City are to be sent to encourage their participation in these ministry funds. Teresa will write to the pastors of these churches.
 - e. Kathy offered a prayer for these ministries.
13. Harlowton church will close June 28 and George, Kathy, Teresa, and Jamie will attend the closing service.
14. Teresa announced the GA commissioners will meet in the Fireside room at FPC Billings during the June event dates.
15. Kathy reported their will be a series of webinars available at FPC Bozeman which are to be Presented by Whitworth University about:
 - a. Technology
 - b. Equiping churches to restart
 - c. Master classes on highbred church.
 These will be 2 ½ to 3 hour sessions June 22,23,24 presented by Whitworth University
16. Next regular LC meeting Aug 4, 2020
17. A closing prayer by Ric Tieman was offered at 3:45 PM.

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk

Minutes approved Sept 10, 2020