

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC)  
Feb 11, 2020**

Moderator Teresa Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM at FPC Billings, MT  
Meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. Jamie Schmeling.

**Present were:**

MWS Susi Ennis  
MWS Teresa Kendall (Moderator)  
MWS Susan Thomas (arrived 11:30)  
RE Julie Boksich  
MWS Diane White (Phoned in)  
RE Suzanne Bratsky  
RE Russ Kline  
MWS Jamie Schmeling

**Absent and Excused:**

RE Ric Tieman (excused)

**Also, present:**

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter  
Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk, Melissa Bell, Assistant Stated Clerk (Phoned in)

1. A quorum was declared by the Moderator. The Docket was approved.
2. The dwelling in the word was led by Russ Kline on John 6: vs 1-14. And a discussion held on the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 plus.
3. The Co General Presbyters report highlighted the status of the clusters, the effectiveness of the leadership retreat, and the use of seminary interns. How we listen for the word of God? This will contain the following elements:
  - a. Humility
  - b. Perception
  - c. Listening

How do we equip the clusters? Can Zoom or Go To Meeting work for cluster gatherings? General opinions indicated face to face gatherings will remain as better way for clusters to meet. Kathy also advised that they are still considering using interns from seminaries to help some of the rural churches and enhance the student experience while helping us with pulpit supply this summer. Equipping more elders to consider getting their CRE status is also hoped for effort.

4. Susi presented plans of the planning team for the meeting in March with a focus on who can facilitate the breakout sessions. Volunteers included Jamie S., Stan Ott, and Jodi M. as possible facilitators. Request made for LC to focus on churches in transition to get people out for equipping at the March meeting. We also discussed how to honor those who have served as Pastors and Elders during the worship service Friday night. Ben Larson on technology and George Goodrich as pastoral leadership in this memorial part of the meeting.
5. Teresa offered a prayer for many in the presbytery who are facing challenges and grace offered for the lunch we were about to partake.

6. As trustees the LC elected the following as officers of the corporation for the 2020 year. The clerk will report to the State of Montana the following officers by vote of the trustees of corporation:
  - a. **President. Teresa Kendal**
  - b. **Vice President. Russ Kline**
  - c. **Secretary. Jim Tarr**
  - d. **Treasurer. Ric Tieman**
  
7. Susi Ennis reported on the work of the **personnel committee** regarding the financial activities of the Presbytery. Ric and Susan are working on details of how they could handle these functions with a report to the presbytery which can be acted upon at the May meeting. Diane White, Paul Helland, continue to serve with Susi and it was suggested John Patterson FPC Bozeman be asked to help serve on the committee.
8. Susi Volunteered to help with the publication of Yellowstone Currents with help for articles to come from Kathy. Susan Thomas was thanked for her serving for many years in this capacity.
9. St Timothy Chapel board met in January but did not file a report in time for this meeting.
10. It was Voted to recommend the Rep/Nom Committee place Jodi McDevitt serve as a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term and Caroline continue to serve as Moderator for one more year. Composition of committee will have Lanny Rounds and Bob Culbertson, continuing to serve.
11. Daniel Triller reported to the LC via email. The Camp schedule is set as follows:
  - a. Winter Retreat Feb 28 to Mar 1 at FPC Bozeman
  - b. Staff Training at Westminster Spires Camp July 8,9,10
  - c. Grade School camp July 12 to 16
  - d. Jr High Camp July 19 to 24
  - e. Sr High Camp July 26 to 30

Applications are due April 10, 2020
12. Susi Ennis reported on the Geyser commission, Oswego Property. Realtor Jason recommends an on-line auction for the Geyser Church. Realtor Lora Kroft may be asked to help with setting up an on-line sale of the Oswego Property. A new commission may be proposed to handle issues related to the closure of the church in Harlowton which is federated with the United Methodist Church having an interest. A commission of George, Jamie, and the DS of the Methodist church reporting back to the LC on proposed actions in time for the May meeting. Dan Krebill will also be consulted.
13. Acting as a board of trustees **the LC Voted** to sign and continue the covenant relationship between the Yellowstone Presbytery and Rocky Mountain College. The agreement was discussed. Teresa will sign and mail the covenant. George will contact Kim Woeste, Chaplain at RMC, and invite her to bring information about the College to the Presbytery meeting at FPC Billings in March.
14. Julie advised the Church of the Big Hole is looking forward to the May Presbytery Meeting in the Melrose Church. Plans will need to be a little more in advance of this meeting due to the limited amount of accommodations in the area. 15 Motel rooms are reserved and 4 homes found so far. Some fun activities are being considered.
15. The GA commissioners will be invited to the May Meeting for a commissioning ceremony.
16. It was announced we have a new agent, Kristen Weden, for our Insurance Plans with Glidewell Ins Co in Bozeman, MT
17. It was felt the regional Presbytery Meetings have been successful and they resulted in getting people out to the meetings who had not been attending Presbytery meetings.

18. Kathy advised the Whitworth Leadership Conference will be taking place during the General Assembly. Several video curriculums are being developed regarding spiritual practices, world/wide immigrations, and related refugee issues.
19. A discussion of 2 of the Goals of the Stated Clerk were made relating to meeting practices and how work loads might be reduced.
- 20. It was voted** and approved to designate the offering at the first Presbytery Meeting of every year to Presbytery Camp Scholarships.
21. Participants are to be reminded to bring back their copies of the Stan Ott notebooks handed out at the Meeting in Lewistown.
22. Next meeting in March will be a conference call meeting. A regular meeting of the LC will be held in Bozeman April 21st.
23. **Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM with Prayer by Julie Boksich,

**Jim Tarr**  
**Stated Clerk**