

Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021
Via Zoom

Moderator Teresa Kendall called meeting to order at 09:37am.

Present:

Teresa Kendall
Jamie Schmelling
Margee Smith
Suzanne Bratsky
Russ Kline
Julie Boksich
Dave Thompson
Susan Thomas
Chuck Carlson
Ric Tieman

Absent:

None

Also present:

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

Guests: Jody McDevitt, Co-Pastor, FPC, Bozeman, SC Search Comm Chair and Andy Pehl, RE, Terry

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was given by Suzanne Bratsky
2. **Quorum** – Quorum was declared present.
3. **Docket** – The docket was accepted.
4. **Dwelling in the Word** – Phillipians 2: 1-11, reading by Russ Kline. Silent reflection and discussion followed.
5. **Co-Presbyters report** – See attached report. Highlights:
 - The great work of a church or person is just to believe.
 - Matisse quote, “Look at something as though you’ve never seen it before requires great courage.”
 - How do we see? How do we look? How do we listen, hear others around us?
 - What are our practices, mindsets, ways?
 - Discussed putting together a sub-group to explore new ways of worship.
6. **Presbytery Meeting** – March 5-6, via Zoom.
 - Need to add in Necrology report to docket.
 - First Presbyterian Church Billings offered for some to meet there.
 - Jim Tarr requested that procedural motions be put closer to the business portion of the meeting.
 - For music needs there is a resource person at St. Andrews, Ben Larson.
 - Discussion held about when does the new moderator start, currently the Standing Rules state the term as January to January. However, installation usually occurs in March. Suggested that the term be installed to installed instead.

- >Motion:** That the Standing Rule be modified to read that the term for Moderator/Vice Moderator be from the installed to installed dates was approved.
Committee group; Julie, Jim, Kathy, to come up with the exact wording of the Standing Rule change to be presented at the March meeting and then to be voted on at the May Meeting.
7. **Minutes** – Minutes for the January 12th meeting were approved with minor corrections.
8. **Discussion** – The covenant of understanding between Rocky Mountain College and Yellowstone Presbytery is not actually being followed. There is a need to figure out strategically with Rocky. Russ Kline volunteered to assist George Goodrich with this.
9. **Higher Education Grant** – The funding available for this year is good
>Motion: To budget \$6000. for the grants this year was approved.
Look at reaching out further in the presbytery, suggested that the letter that Teresa sent out last year be looked at, revised as needed, and sent out again.
Suggested asking Dan Krebill to get involved if possible, as Presby Cats is so successful.
10. **Harlowton AC** - See attached written report.
A contract with the Methodist Church needs to be written up.
11. **St Timothy** – See attached written report.
Preachers are needed for July and August at this independent ministry.
12. **Lunch break** – 12:25 broke for lunch with a prayer from Margee.
13. **Reconvened** – 13:00
>Motion: St Timothy's budget was approved as presented from them.
14. **Stated Clerk Search Committee** – Jody McDevitt and Andy Pehl joined the meeting. The job description changes made were presented.
>Motion: To approve the position description changes made by the committee. It was approved.
Further discussions about this position included:
a recommendation that the actual requirements for the position be added, compensation considerations.
The salary package for the position was included in the report from the committee.
>Motion: To accept the proposed salary package. It was approved.
A prayer was offered from Teresa for the search committee and potential candidates.
Jamie to send job description requirements to Jodie.
Ric to forward the Denver Stated Clerk job description to Jodi.
>Motion: LC to recommend to the Presbytery to extend the terms of the Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk through May 2021. Approved.
15. **Stated Clerk report** – Update information: The per capita amount owed by churches is calculated by rules established in the Book of Order. Church sessions do not have the authority to change the calculations. Membership numbers are based on the previous year, not the current year membership.
16. **Personnel** – Discussion about Exempt vs Non-Exempt positions. What formalities are needed?
Chuck said he was willing to work on this.
17. **Presbytery Meeting dates** – May 21-22, November 5-6
18. **LC Meeting** – Next meeting March 9th 9:30-11:30 via Zoom.
19. **Adjournment** – Adjourned at 14:31 with prayer from Chuck Carlson.

Approved April 13, 2021