

Leadership Cabinet  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Thursday, October 28, 2021, via Zoom

Yellowstone Presbytery Leadership Cabinet met for a special meeting via Zoom on Thursday, October 28, 2021 to address three items:

1. Nominate/Recommend a member of Yellowstone Presbytery to Rocky Mountain College Board.
2. VOTE to approve where to designate offering from Nov 5/6, 2021 Presbytery Meeting
3. VOTE to recommend to Presbytery regarding sale of Anaconda manse.

Cabinet members present:

MWS Teresa Kendall, Moderator,  
MWS Susan Thomas  
RE Russ Kline,  
RE Suzanne Bratsky,  
RE Ric Tieman,  
MWS Jamie Schmeling,  
MWS Dave Thompson,  
RE Julie Boksich.

Members excused:

MWS Chuck Carlson,  
CRE Margee Smith,

Others present:

MWS George Goodrich, Co-Executive Presbyter,  
MWS Kathy Goodrich, Co-Executive Presbyter  
RE Caroline Fleming, Stated Clerk.

1. **Opening:** Cabinet Moderator Teresa Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. reading from II Timothy 1: 6-7 and opening with prayer.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum was declared present.
3. **Nominate/Recommend a person to Rocky Mountain College Board:** Though the term on the Rocky Mountain College Board is for 3 years, George Goodrich has served for 12 years. Service generally involves 4 meetings a year and service on one or more committees. The position is voice only and no vote. Cabinet members are asked to think about nominees to recommend to Presbytery in 2022 and bring names to the January Leadership Cabinet meeting.
4. **Designate recipient for November Presbytery Meeting offering:** Two programs were suggested as possible recipients for the Presbytery meeting offering: The Montana Food Bank Network and Intermountain Children's Home.

**Action item:** It was moved and seconded to give the offering received at the November Presbytery meeting to Intermountain Children's Home. Motion passed.

- 5. Sale of Anaconda Manse:** Background was shared concerning the issues 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Anaconda has had with its manse and the family who were renting it. Now that the renters are out of the house, the church wants to make needed repairs then sell the manse. A congregational meeting was held October 24 at which members voted unanimously to sell the manse. (*Attachment A*) Cabinet members discussed Presbytery involvement in the sale process, collaborating with the Anaconda session as they move forward, and protecting proceeds to assure ongoing ministry of the church and its mission.

**Action Item:** The following three motions were made and seconded:

**Motion 1: That the Leadership Cabinet recommend to the Presbytery that the sale of the manse of the First Presbyterian Church of Anaconda be approved and the realized funds from the sale be dispensed according to provisions outlined in the letter from the church, dated October 25, 2021**

**Motion 2: That the Leadership Cabinet appoint a team of 2-3 people, along with Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation, to work in support of the session to ensure the effective investment of the funds for the on-going ministry of the church and its mission, and that the team remains constituted until the funds are invested and the church is cared for pastorally, probable duration of the team about a year.**

**Motion 3: That the Leadership Cabinet be the presbytery entity to oversee this process and receive reports.**

The motions passed.

Caroline will contact Linda Smith and Cal Boyle concerning these motions that Leadership cabinet will present to Presbytery and ask them both to attend the Presbytery meeting for the discussion.

- 6. Announcement:** Ric Tieman asked that all 2021 vouchers be submitted to him on or before December 10 for timely payment.
- 7. Closing:** After a brief check-in with members concerning how they and their families doing, Moderator Teresa closed the meeting with prayer at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Fleming  
Stated Clerk

**Approved 11-11-2021**

## Attachment A

October 25, 2021  
Presbytery of Yellowstone  
P.O. Box 1254  
Bozeman, Montana 59771

Dear Presbytery,

I am writing this letter to let you know that we had our congregational meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The vote was unanimous to sell the Manse.

Recommendation from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Anaconda:

- A. Anaconda 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church requests permission form Yellowstone Presbytery to sell our manse located at 719 Oak Street, Anaconda, Montana 59711, for the following reasons:
  1. The property is no longer being used, as our Pastor owns her own home and does not need to use the Manse.
  2. We had donated the Manse to a family in our congregation to help them out and they trashed the Manse.
  3. We feel that it best to sell the Manse at this time.
- B. We request presbytery to allow the Anaconda session to engage a realtor and allow session to sell the property at fair market value.
- C. We request presbytery to allow the Anaconda 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church to use the proceeds from the sale as follows:
  1. We would recover some of the lost funds not received as donations to do some work in the church.
  2. We would use some of the funds to help with organizations in our community.
  3. We would like to invest a major portion of the money with the Presbytery Investment Program or with an investment firm.
  4. We would be able to invest in Solar Power for our facility.
  5. The money would be invested to allow for the church to continue into perpetuity.

Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully submitted:

Cal Boyle

Chair Building and Grounds, Anaconda 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church