

Leadership Cabinet
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, via Zoom

Yellowstone Presbytery Leadership Cabinet met for its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Cabinet members present:

RE Russ Kline, Moderator
RE Melissa Bell
RE Julie Boksich
RE Suzanne Bratsky
MWS Chuck Carlson
MWS Jamie Schmeling
MWS Dave Thompson
RE Ric Tieman, Treasurer

Members excused:

CRE Margee Smith

Others present:

RE Caroline Fleming, Stated Clerk

1. **Opening:** Cabinet Moderator Russ Kline called the meeting to order, and Dave Thompson led members in prayer.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum was declared present.
3. **Dwelling in the Word:** Russ read John 16: 12-15 and invited cabinet members to reflect on the passage. Members were reminded that we enter into relationship with a Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are of one mind. Jesus has shared that mind with us and asks us to step out in faith, even though all is not clear to us yet. We are assured we will have the help we need, and God will give us the words we are to share.
4. **Minutes of previous meetings:** Members reviewed the minutes from the May 10 stated meeting of the Leadership Cabinet.

Action: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Leadership Cabinet meeting of May 10, 2022 as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. **Higher Education grant requests:** Grant applications have been received and reviewed by cabinet members:
 - United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings for \$2,000.00
 - Spiritual Life Program at Rocky Mountain College for \$1,200.00
 - PresbyCats/Lutheran Campus Ministry at Bozeman for \$2,380.85

After discussion, it was moved to grant MSU Billings \$2,000, Rocky Mountain College \$1,200 and PresbyCats/Lutheran Ministry \$2,400. The motion was seconded, and it passed.

6. **Deer Lodge Church celebrates 150 years of ministry:** Deer Lodge Presbyterian Church is the oldest established church in Yellowstone Presbytery. Vice Moderator Melissa Bell will represent the presbytery at the 150-year anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 12 and asked for ideas on what to say and present to the church during her visit. Members suggested celebrating the church's history of activity in the presbytery and Rev. Teresa Kendall's recent participation, which has been extensive. Jamie Schmeling suggested Melissa offer a charge to the church for the next 150 years. Caroline and Melisa will create a certificate to present to the church from the presbytery. The cabinet looks forward to hearing from Melissa about the celebration.
7. **Bozeman Church celebrates 150 years of ministry:** Shortly after the church at Deer Lodge was established, 1st Presbyterian Church of Bozeman was established. They, too, celebrate their 150-year anniversary this year. Bozeman will have a "season of celebration" that began with a special worship service and skit by Dan Holland on June 5. A harvest Dinner is being planned to which many of the church's former ministers have been invited and will be recognized. Check the church's website for more activities.
8. **A History of Presbyterianism in Montana:** For those wishing to learn more about the history of Presbyterians and Presbyterian churches in Montana, the book underlined above is a good resource. It is available at www.booklegacy.com and on www.amazon.com
9. **Partnering with St. Andrew Presbyterian Church on earth care:** Russ reminded members to review the letter the cabinet received from St. Andrew and think of ways we can partner with them on programming concerning earth care. Members were also encouraged to review the letter George composed and Caroline sent to St. Andrew in response to their request that Presbytery consider concurring with the Earth Care overture. We will discuss possibilities for partnering at the July LC meeting.
10. **Quickbooks:** Treasurer Ric Tieman asked to investigate moving the Quickbooks financial program from the computer in the presbytery office to 1st Presbyterian Church of Bozeman's computer. Ric is currently treasurer for both Yellowstone Presbytery and 1st Presbyterian Church. The financial information would be separate, as it is encrypted and password protected. One issue that might arise would come when Ric no longer serves one organization or another. He was given permission to pursue the possibility of putting the presbytery finances on the church's computer, but no decision was made to move the financial program.
11. **McAllister Church sale:** We have not yet received either a closing statement of funds from the sale of the McAllister Church property. Caroline will call the attorney to find out what the holdup is.
12. **Closing:** With no further business, Chuck Carlson closed the meeting with prayer

*****Next Meeting: July 13 PICNIC at Goodrich's home*****

Leadership Cabinet Action Items		
Responsible Person(s)	Action Item	Due Date
Ongoing Action Items		
Personnel committee	Update Presbytery's Personnel Policy	Ongoing
Russ, Dave, Caroline, Jamie, Kathy	Continue work with the team discussing how to encourage experimental ministry, training small group leaders, and helps for facilitating small groups in congregations and communities.	Ongoing
LC as a whole	Consider uses for the proceeds from the sale of the Harlowton Church and the Anaconda manse that would be advantageous to our churches in the presbytery	Ongoing
LC members	Consider a person well-qualified to serve on the board of Rocky Mountain College	Ongoing
??	Get a list of the responsibilities and the skills needed by a person serving on the Rocky Mountain College board.	Before June 2022
Ric	Write up the technical needs to host a hybrid presbytery meeting for churches	ASAP
Jamie & Caroline	Talk with Charley Blom about the possibility of Miles City hosting the November presbytery meeting	ASAP
Jamie, Dave, Caroline	Create a monthly presbytery newsletter to communicate regularly with our churches and pastors.	No date set
New Action Items		
Caroline	Follow up with Attorney Mark Parker to ask when we might expect closure of sale of the McAllister Church property and when we might expect to receive a settlement statement.	ASAP
Ric	Send granted higher education funds to the three grantees.	No date set
Cabinet Members	Review both the letter LC sent to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in response to their request we concur with the Earth Care overture and St. Andrew's response to LC	July 13
Everyone	Bring side dishes to the July LC picnic/meeting at Goodrich's home	July 13