

September Junaluskans General Meeting Minutes
In Person and On Zoom
September 7, 2022

The Junaluskans met in the Harrell Center Auditorium. Nancy Hood, President, called the meeting to order. She welcomed those in attendance and on Zoom. She thanked all who were assisting with technology so persons could Zoom into the meeting.

In Hilda Ryan's absence, Jan LeMasters gave the Caring and Sharing Report.

Prayers for the following:

Dianne Haynes on the death of her daughter.
Willie Hubbard on the death of his wife, Betty Lou.
Pam Moser on the death of her husband, Ron.
Mike Huber on the death of his mother.
Pat Sheets recuperating at Smoky Mountain Rehab.
Hilda Ryan on her illness.

Jody Lipscomb told a Cherokee story about creation to open the meeting.

Larry Roberts led the group in celebrating September birthdays and anniversaries.

Bill Lowry presented the Junaluska Moment.

Frozen Lake

It's been hot and humid... let's think about something cold, really cold, like what do you do when the Lake is frozen over. I'll tell you what you don't do...like walk out on the ice. But here's something you *can* do, go down to the Lake and watch the geese. They fly in and decide to land on the water...except it's not water. They put out their feet and go scooting out of control, across the ice. They don't usually get hurt but they are ruffled. It's quite a show.

I was thinking about that and that led me to think of others who *had* jumped in the Lake, so to speak, with varying results. There was for instance, Joe Baylor. Well, he didn't actually jump in the Lake, but he did land an army air corps seaplane. He did this in 1931. You see, his father was J.A. Baylor, the architectural secretary for the Board of Church Extension of the ME Church, South. He designed the Lambuth Inn and Shackford Hall. You will find his name on a plaque as you enter Lambuth. He also built one of the original thirteen houses at the Lake. Young Joe was a pilot in the army and dropped in one day to see his parents.

And then there was "Fearless Charley China" who decided to drop in the Lake from an airplane. On August 13, 1921, he jumped out of a plane. Unfortunately, the pilot of the plane misjudged their altitude, and he was much higher than he planned to be. When the boat reached him, he was unconscious. Miraculously, he survived with only bruises.

Stay Tuned.

Nancy Hood announced that the August Board and General Meeting minutes had been approved by the Board and can be found online at lakejunaluska.com/community within the next few days. Also, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report, which is in the current Lake Views and News.

Nancy thanked Diane Foederer for the excellent job producing the Lake Views and News.

Nancy Hood called on Frank Dunnewind to present a report from the Swan Task Force on how it will work going forward. Before he gave his report, Nancy thanked Jim Pearson for all his work with the swans as well as working with the task force.

Frank Dunnewind, Convener of the Lake Junaluska Swan Task Force, presented the results of the Task Force's recommendations for assuring the sustainability of the swan population on the lake.

The Task Force members were Randy Carlson, Steve Crites, Jackie Dingus, Nancy Hood, John Johnson, Jim Pearson, Ken Howle.

He presented a brief history of the swan program beginning in the mid-80s through 2022. The most recent Swan Keepers were Ken Zulla (2003 – 2019) and Jim Pearson (2020-2022.) It is apparent that the singular demand of time is too great for one or two people.

The Task Force organized the five key functions, under the leadership of the Swan Keeper and an Assistant: Supplemental Feeding, Ongoing Care, Emergency Care, Management of Other Predators, and Waterfowl and Habitat Management. Each function would have a Coordinator and team of volunteers to accomplish the goals of the swan program in keeping with Lake Junaluska's vision to fulfill the mission through volunteer efforts. Volunteers can be Junaluskans or friends of the lake who are interested in helping. Orientation and training sessions will be conducted soon.

Frank indicated that Jackie Dingus has assumed the duties of Swan Keeper and will serve as the Interim Swan Keeper as the Swan program is forming. He indicated that members of the Swan Task Force would be in the back of the room if individuals had questions or if they were interested in getting more information on the program.

It was announced that the Fellowship Gathering for the Junaluskans would be held on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 pm. Nancy said that this will be a dessert only meeting with coffee, hot cider, and water to drink. There will also be a sugar-free dessert option. This will be held at no charge to all who want to attend. You must RSVP to Steve Berwager. Additional information will be sent out later via e-mail.

Ken Howle, executive director, was called on to present his report. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support of Mike Huber and his family on his mother's death. He told us that Mike's father was having surgery. Please continue to remember his family at this time.

Ken said there were lots of groups meeting here in September. Also, the big conferences from this year have signed up for next year. The Church of the Brethren will be having their meeting here again next year.

The Nomads expressed their appreciation for Mike Huber's help while they were here working. They told Ken that this was the best organized location they had been to. The docks and decks needed a lot of work. A new Nomad signed up with the group that had been a deck and dock contractor. This was good news for the Lake. The Nomads also worked on light poles, Stuart Auditorium, and landscaping. Please thank the Nomads if you see them working.

Paving will continue on Siler Circle, Lundy Lane, Epworth Way, and South Lakeshore Drive. Ken said David Nicholson, Public Works Director, is working on a multi-year plan for fixing the roads. Ken reminded the group that the Community Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm.

Ken reminded us that if you see something, say something.

He expressed his thanks to the Swan Task Force for all their work.

Nancy Hood called on committee chairs to present reports.

Sharon Carlisle said that we would have Vesper Services on Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 pm, in the Memorial Chapel. Betsy Schuessler will be the speaker.

Jim Correll reminded the group that the donation jar would be located on the refreshment table after the meeting. Funds help maintain food and supplies for the pantry at Aviemore.

Randy Carlson reminded us that we will be decorating the Lake for Christmas the second week in November. He needs people that have trailers or trucks with big beds to help get the decorations out. Please contact Randy if you can help. Also, a sign-up sheet was passed around for those willing to assist with decorating. Linda Carlson also said there would be a time for making bows. Contact Barbie Stanton if interested.

Linda also stated that the Prayer Ministry had added a prayer request box in Memorial Chapel.

Margaret Amick, Membership Secretary, said that we now have over six hundred members. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, please contact her. Many people have paid more than once.

Nancy Hood said Linda Carlson and Susie Crites purchased gift cards from Gifts and Grounds for the Nomads, then delivered them to the group. This was a small thanks for all the Nomads had done.

Gary Phillips asked for information about the different organizations at the Lake. It was recommended that he get a new member packet at Public Works.

Susie Crites will be collecting money in October to give veterans free coffee or ice cream at Gifts and Grounds on Veteran's Day in November.

Nancy Hood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted.

Evelyn Correll

Recording Secretary