

August Junaluskans General Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2022

The August Junaluskans meeting was held at Long's Chapel United Methodist Church. Nancy Hood called the meeting to order. She thanked Steve Crites for arrangements to use the building and Susie Crites for refreshments. She also thanked the Staff of LCUMC for their assistance.

Hilda Ryan gave the following Sharing and Caring report:

Sympathy card to Kathy McNeil and her husband, Dick, on the death of her mother, Nancy Geyer.

Sympathy card to Tim Moe on the death of his father.

Cards of concern to Diane Haynes' daughter, Heather, who was in the hospital and then passed away.

Pat Sheets had a stroke.

Susan Folds had surgery.

Steve Berwager led the group in prayer.

Nancy Hood sent around a clipboard for those interested in helping with Christmas decorations.

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

Junaluska Moment

by Bill Lowry

Boat Houses

If you walk around the Lake, you will walk right by it. We are so used to it that we hardly pay it any attention. There it stands. It is not a monument, but it serves the same purpose as one. It reminds us of days gone by. It is located close to the gate at the entrance to the Asbury Trail and close to the small waterfall. I am referring to the small boat house located there. At one time there were many boat houses around the Lake. One of the most impressive boat houses was the one built by George R. Stuart. It was a rock house with a deck on top of it. It was across the street in front of his home, Winona. There were so many boat houses that the Assembly decided to decree that there would be no more. Thus, those that were there had to go and the only one left standing is the one you see as you walk around the Lake.

The creation of the Lake was an exciting event. In its report, the sons of famed landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmstead, upon hearing that the creation of the Lake might be postponed due to the lack of funds, wrote, "Visitors would be more attracted by the existence of the Lake, than first class roads... therefore we urge that ... the lake should be one of the first things to be accomplished." Happily, the leadership did just that.

Also, from the beginning, the public was welcomed at the Lake. Having this body of water so close drew people to the Assembly. There were other activities such as swimming and fishing. Early on there were speedboat races. In 1963, Governor Terry Sanford visited this area and was given a tour of the Lake ... on a cabin cruiser brought in for just that purpose. We have a picture of his cruise in the archives.

Today people still swim and fish here. They boat here. But there is more. There is a Presence here. There is transformation. God is moving through all the experiences to be had here. God weaves that little boat house into a pattern that blesses lives.

Stay tuned.

Nancy Hood told the group that the minutes of the June Board meeting and the June General meeting had been approved by the Board. They can be found online at lakejunaluska.com/community. She also said the Board had approved the Treasurer's report.

The Lake Views and News is available and many thanks to Diane Foederer for putting it together and getting it printed.

Ken Howle, Executive Director of Lake Junaluska Assembly, recognized Mary Kay Turkington, a former resident of Junaluska who was visiting her daughter Cynthia Ewing. He said her husband, Charles, had been instrumental in the development of the Rose Walk.

Ken said the Festival of Wisdom and Grace was going on now. The Salvation Army Conference will begin this coming weekend. A section of the playground will be closed. This is the section near the Children's Center.

The Smoky Mountain Folk Festival will be here this month. Ken stated that all the Balsam Range Band had gotten their start at the festival. Also, the John G. Lake Ministries will be held here the end of the month through Labor Day weekend.

He said that staff was getting out information about events through the Junaluska Weekly and through staff around the campus.

Summer worship will continue through mid-August. Ken expressed thanks to Paul Starnes and those who had help him with ushering at the worship services.

The Theologian in Residence program has gone well this summer. Ken is asking for ideas from Junaluskans on leaders they would like to see holding sessions next summer.

Last weekend was the Junaluska Associates Weekend. The Junaluska Leadership Award was given to Steve Berwager and to Bernie and Snookie Brown. Ken explained that Junaluska was not a chief in the Cherokee Indian Tribe, but a respected leader.

Ken then discussed improvements around the Lake. A new culvert was installed near Public Works. The old culvert had collapsed. The grounds have been repaired and sown with new grass. County Road near Branscomb Road has had brush cleaned out. Duke Power is realigning the power poles/lines in the next few weeks. Stumps will be removed later.

South Lakeshore, Siler Circle, Lundy Lane, and Holston Village will be paved with tar and gravel soon.

The Traffic Committee is providing some new signs.

Dave Nicholson and Buddy Melton have acquired \$150,000 in funds for a study on the water tower.

The Department of Transportation is doing a traffic study outside the Lake grounds.

Mike Huber, General Manager, was unable to attend due to illness and Rebecca Mathis, Director of Development, was out of town on a business trip.

Ken asked Melissa Aldridge for a report on fundraising. She said that Over \$42,000 was raised during the celebration for the Lake's 109th birthday. On July 1, over 250 wish lanterns were placed on the Lake during Associates Weekend and ninety-one bricks were dedicated at the Colonnade. Melissa also coordinates the Columbarium. She talked of meeting with a man that was having his wife interred here. She said they met here, got engaged here, and married in the Chapel.

Nancy Hood invited committee chairs to present reports.

The new Fellowship Groups are listed in the Lake Views and News.

Vespers will be held in September.

Clothes to Kids has opened their new store in Clyde. It has been busy with school starting back. All are invited to come to the store on Monday mornings to check out the new building.

The Junaluska Woman's Club will be hosting a tea on August 8, at 1pm. Hilda Ryan and her husband will be leading a singalong of old favorites. This will be held at Lambuth in room one hundred.

Margaret Amick, membership secretary, reminded the group they could still sign up to be members of the Junaluskans.

Donations for the food ministry at Aviemore can be put in the jar at the back of the room or sent to Steve Berwager.

There is discussion about a dinner or a dessert and coffee meeting in September. Details will be coming.

Nancy Hood said the meeting next month will be at the Harrell Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.
Evelyn Correll
Recording Secretary