

Junaluskans Board Meeting

Harrell Center, Room 102

January 7, 2026

Jan Lemasters called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Margaret Amick, Frank Dunnewind, Susan Folds, Jan Lemasters, Cynthia Lindberg, Judy LaFontaine, Jeff Mickle, Gary Phillips, George Shepherd, Lynnette Stewart, Todd Stewart. **Guest:** Ken Howle
Jan said that we have planned programs through April and she invited the board to suggest speakers for later in the year. Suggestions: Rebuild Haywood, Haywood Vocational Opportunities, Haywood Community College.

Opening Prayer. Gary Phillips offered an opening prayer for the season of Epiphany.

Approval of minutes. Jeff Mickle reported that the minutes from November 5, 2025, were emailed and no changes were made. Gary Phillips moved their adoption. George Shepherd seconded. They were adopted.

Treasurer's report. Frank Dunnewind reported as of November 30, 2025: income: \$72,681.81; expenses: \$59,219.30; balance: \$13,462.51. Jeff Mickle moved to accept. Margaret Amick seconded. It was accepted.

Chairpersons.

Christmas Decorations –They will remain up until the week of February 2, to coincide with Haywood County Ice Festival.

Membership – Margaret Amick reported we ended the year of 2025 with 589 members, compared with 608 in 2024. She will have the 2025 directory ready by the end of the week. Gary Phillips volunteered to work with Margaret and the Lake to facilitate receiving dues online, and will report back with results.

Lynette Stewart agreed to write an article for *The Mountaineer*, *The Smoky Mountain News* and *Positively Haywood* to let the community know that they are invited to participate in the Junaluskans.

New Business: *Potential Events for 2026*

- Hymn sing at Cross or historical presentation about same, this is in support of Sharing Our Gifts. This will highlight the renovations planned for that area.
- Big celebration for end of Sharing Our Gifts campaign, possibly in December in conjunction with the Christmas cookies or November with Maranda bringing us up to date.
- Gathering at Inspiration Point with story of the area. Maybe have appetizers and punch. Include a guest speaker. Possibly in early Fall.
- (Jan suggested that the Lessons and Carols be moved up to an earlier time during the day, such as 4:30. She will speak with Hilda Ryan about this.)
- Presence in Independence Day parade, give out candy to kids. Margaret Amick said we could decorate her golf cart and use it for the parade.
- Corn hole tournament on July 3 afternoon on grass by Stuart auditorium. Prizes: gift certificates at Gifts and Grounds. Coordinated with Pat McKim.
- NOMAD potluck lunch in Spring and dinner at restaurant in the Fall. Jan will coordinate.
- Country western dance with BBQ dinner in May, possibly at the York Dining Commons.

Judy LaFontaine asked Ken Howle if the miniature golf course will be ready for this summer. Ken said that it will be ready when the funds are raised. Judy asked if we could pare it down to be more affordable. Ken said he hopes to get the funds raised (\$350,000) by the end of the year, and to begin construction next winter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Mickle, Recording Secretary