

Junaluskans Board meeting minutes

April 1, 2026 - Lambuth Inn – Room 103

In attendance – Jan Lemasters, Susan Folds, George Shepherd, Frank Dunnewind, Steve Crites, Gary Phillips, Todd Steward, Lynette Stewart, Cynthia Lindberg, Judy LaFontaine, Jackie Dingus – Guest - Ken Howle

Jan called the meeting to order at 9am. Gary offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Frank and seconded by Judy to accept the March minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Frank covered the financial report for February. The lake clean-up expense has left that fund \$114 over budget. Balance is \$15,700.

Committee reports:

Travel Committee - George Shepherd – The next trip of the Travel group will be Friday, April 17 with a tour of Hickory Nut Gap Farm near Fairview and then on to Old Fort to visit the Visitor's Center and Mountain Gateway Museum.

Spiritual Committee – Gary Phillips reported the next hymn sing will be on May 19 in the Biblical Garden with a talk by Sarah Tippet. Time – 6:30pm

Flea Market – Judy LaFontaine reported that the large storage building near the dam is full. She is asking people to keep their donations at home until June 12th when they can be brought or picked up if needed. Donations will be received between 9-12 (note time ends at 12, not 2). Judy also indicated some new personnel in various departments. She is also looking for help in the "Gems" department.

Old Business:

- Salad and sandwich potluck – April 21st – noon – York
- BBQ dinner and Trivia contest – June 16 – 5:30 – York
- Online registration – A detailed discussion was led by Gary on this matter. (Gary's proposal is attached). In addition to the points in the proposal, these additional comments and discussions were covered.

- 1) If paying dues online, a donation could be added if wanted.
- 2) The Treasurer would receive an accounting of dues paid as would the Membership Secretary.
- 3) With reference to the questions listed in the proposal: A) Fees could be rounded up to \$11. B) Ken suggested that the first-year online fees could be absorbed. This in part relates to the many volunteer hours the membership provides. C) Any Board member in addition to the Membership Secretary could have access to the spread sheet if needed/requested. D) Modifying the membership form is also a possibility if needed. E) Lynette suggested a tri-fold could be created with the volunteer responsible for each area so that persons would perhaps find it easier to reach out to the person who heads up an area. F) A brief discussion was held on the possibility of reaching out to newspapers and other media outlets. G) The question was asked as to how many of the 700+ residents are members of the Junalusks. Ken stated that this information can be provided by the administration. H) A discussion was also held as to whether name tags would be helpful for members to wear at meetings. After this discussion, ***Judy made a motion that peel and stick name tags be purchased and used as a trial. George seconded. Motion carried.***

MOTION - Todd Stewart made the following motion: I recommend that we adopt the online registration proposal and make any changes to fully implement the new process. However, once the system is completed, we do not publicize it in order to test it among the Board members and anyone else the Board decides. Rationale - This will give the Board the opportunity to make any changes necessary and also give the Membership Secretary time to see the real data and how they can best utilize/implement the data in their normal processes. Once all the Board members are satisfied with the system, then we can publicize it for the general public's use. Motion seconded by Cynthia. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Nominations committee has been established by Jan. The committee consists of Jacke Dingus, Jeff Mickle, and Steve Berwager. George Shepherd indicated this will be his last year as the Travel Committee Chair.
- Gary Philliips brought an amended proposal motion to the Board. Jackie seconded the revised proposed. **It is moved that the revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Junaluskans, upon being fully and finally approved by the Junaluskans Board, the Junaluskans body, and the Lake Junaluskas Assembly, Inc. Board of Trustees, be implemented on January 1, 2026. Further, it is proposed that the implementation consider that all officers in elected positions considered to be in their first term and are eligible for a continuation in office for an additional term if they choose and are re-nominated by the Nominations Committee. (This is pertaining to elected officers only, not heads of various programs or projects that fall under the Junaluskans purview.)** Steve seconded Gary's entire motion. Motion passed without discussion.
- Jan asked about a dinner at the hotel this summer. No decision made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Dingus for Jeff Mickle, Recording Secretary