**Junaluskan General meeting**

**Harrell Center auditorium**

**February 1, 2023**

Jan Lemasters called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

**Caring & Sharing:** Hilda Ryan reported that cards were sent to the families of Doug Wingeier, Edna Muddiman, and Jenny Buckner because of recent deaths; and a card was sent to Gretchen Branning, who is in rehab recovering from surgery.

Opening prayer was offered by Mark Schulz.

**Guest speakers**: Jody Lipscomb & Haidee Wilson, Artists in residence

Jody presented a slide show and talked about the many opportunities for folks to get involved at LJA in sharing their artistic talents. These include music (community jam sessions), photography, creative writing, craft classes, dance classes, and March 23 is an opportunity to make and display flower lanterns. Haidee talked briefly about the artists in residence program, mentioning that there were 6 founding members and currently 25 artists here at the Lake. Displays thus far have included Art in Place, Mountain Spring, and there will be an Art in the Gardens display April 9 – 14. Shows are held on Associates Weekend to provide funding for the program. Artist Christine Gibson has been invited to have an artist in residence show in late Spring for 3 days.

Birthdays, anniversaries, and new residents for the month of February were acknowledged by Larry Roberts.

**Chairperson reports**:

Lake Clean-up Day – Steve Crites reminded everyone that those involved will meet March 11 at Stuart auditorium at 9 am to receive assignments. There will also be opportunity to assist Haywood Waterways in cleaning up the Greenways Path.

Flea market – Judy LaFountaine reminded everyone that the date for this year’s Flea Market is June 10, with set up on June 9. Items may be dropped off June 9 from 8 am – 2 pm.

Joyful Junaluskans - Debbie and Barbie Stanton promoted game day opportunities every other week on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 2 pm in the lower level of the Harrell Center, room 105.

Treasurer – Frank Dunnewind shared that we began the year with $12,128.80 in the general budget and $38,437.83 in special projects monies. Budget reports will be given quarterly in the LJ Views & News.

**Upcoming opportunities**:

John Johnson announced that a Spring social/dance party is being planned for May 17 from 7-9 pm in the York Dining Commons. A sign-up pad was passed around to determine interest.

Jan Lemasters invited anyone who is interested in serving on the Volunteer Engagement Task Force to give her a call.

**Update by Executive Director, Ken Howle:**

* Lake dredging has been completed and the disposal site is full. Plans are underway to expand that location for future years. The lake will remain lowered until after Lake Clean-up Day in March.
* Repairs are being made on Sleepy Hollow and the fishing pier is being refurbished.
* The entrance to South Lakeshore will be closed February 22 – April 5 to allow for the replacement of 2 culverts under North Lakeshore Drive. Traffic will be rerouted to the West Gate entrance.
* The entrance to South Lakeshore Drive is scheduled for repainting of traffic directional lines to enhance safety.
* Two crosswalks and a traffic light are scheduled to be installed at the main entrance to South Lakeshore Drive next winter.
* Colonial Inn has been sold to Sean Schuur, a Lake Junaluska property owner. Chapel Drive will be rerouted to allow for more parking spaces.
* Summer worship will be held outdoors again Sunday mornings during the months of June and July, and ending the first Sunday in August. Plans are currently under way, and Dan Martin is working to align speakers.
* LJAPOO will meet February 25 and capital improvement updates will be shared.
* MLK weekend is scheduled February 9-12, with over 500 attendees planning to attend.

**Closing announcements**:

Genie Ashe shared some information regarding offerings at Crepe and Custard, and invited folks to stop in and enjoy the delicious food and drink offerings.

Jim Correll reminded people to continue giving to the food ministry at Aviemore.

The February luncheon will be held on the 21st, featuring Love Songs by Lauralee Bailey. The cutoff date for signing up is February 15.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Berwager, recording secretary