

**Junaluskans General Meeting
Harrell Center Auditorium
January 8, 2025**

Jan Lemasters called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Caring and Sharing - Hilda Ryan shared that nobody needed a card in the month of December. She introduced Cynthia Lindberg as the new Caring and Sharing coordinator. She has sent one card in January. She is adding a new component: sharing your joys . There is a new email address: ljcaringandsharing@gmail.com

Opening Prayer - Rev. Gary Phillips offered the opening prayer.

Guest Speaker - Sylvia Russell, from Clothes to Kids, shared about the history and mission of the organization. Junaluskans have been key leaders since it started in September 2012. They are a 501.c.3 non-profit, volunteer organization. The mission is to provide a wardrobe for school-aged children, from which children can choose the clothes for themselves. They have seen more than 6000 students since opening. Hurricane Helene inundated their building in Clyde. At least 50% of the contents have been saved. They hope to reopen in February. They have a volunteer team of 50, and a mailing list of 600 for an annual letter. New team members are welcome. A handout was provided with pictures and contact information.

Birthdays, anniversaries and first-time attendees-Larry Roberts recognized one first-time attendee. January birthdays were recognized. There were no anniversaries.

Introduction of new Officers Jan introduced Jeff Mickle as new secretary, Gary Phillips as new first vice-president, and Cynthia Lindberg as new Sharing and Caring coordinator.

Chairperson reports

Decorations – Steve Crites announced that decorations will be taken down this week. He also announced that the **Lake Cleanup** will be Saturday, February 22.

Membership Margaret Amick reported that membership for 2024 was 608, the same as 2023. She reminded us that she is collecting membership dues for 2025, \$10 per person. The 2024 Membership Directory is ready, and she will email a copy to members when they email her, requesting one.

Travel George Shepherd will coordinate four travel events this year, and asked for suggestions. He also coordinates hikes throughout the year.

Fellowship Grace Gattis introduced Susan Folds as the new coordinator of the Fellowship Groups.

Game Day Deborah Stanton and Barbara Stanton circulated a sign-up sheet for the persons who may want to join a game group. There is currently a Tuesday group, 2:00-4:00 in the library.

New Business

Holiday Friends Groups Jan Lemasters shared her experience from Thanksgiving and Christmas, gathering with people who otherwise would have spent the holidays alone. She encouraged others to establish their own groups, so people do not need to be alone on the holidays, and to make new friends. Contact Jan for more information.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast - April 30. Hold the date.

Old Business

Administrative updates - Ken Howle shared the following:

- Flood recovery is going well. The bathrooms outside the Harrell Center Auditorium are the next step. Total cost for Harrell is \$350,000. The Rose Walk is being evaluated and repaired, as well as inspection of the Turbeyville Bridge, while the lake level is down. Stuart Auditorium has been cleaned out and repaired; bathrooms are the next step. The dam has been inspected and is in good stead. The grove growing on the earthen dam will need to be removed; the fence will be extended. The York Dining Commons sustained damage to the downstairs apartment, to be repaired by the NOMADS. Debris removal continues on a daily basis. The lake cleanup will be a yearlong effort.
- The cost is more than \$1,000,000 for all of this damage. It is funded through charitable giving, over \$500,000 so far. We also anticipate an operating surplus of \$300,000 from last year, from the conference center, which will be used. Insurance paid \$10,000.
- We are still hosting recovery workers. Long-term workers are here. Youth groups are planning to come for short-term work. This will continue for the next few years, for the lake and the whole region.
- The Terrace Dining Hall is closed for renovation and improvements. Plans are underway for the entrance lobby as well.
- The Department of Transportation project at Exit 103 is projected to be closed for 5 days, beginning January 20. There may be traffic impact on the southside of the lake.
- The crosswalk and stoplight at the main entrance has been postponed.
- The Sunday buffet has returned for brunch (11:00 to 1:30) at the York Dining Hall. We plan to continue it until Memorial Day, then close until Labor Day.
- God is with us as we continue our recovery. On the day of the storm, Ken saw a clear sign from God with the sun breaking through the clouds, shining down on the Junaluska Cross. Extravagant generosity is also a sign of God's help with us.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Mickle,
Recording Secretary