

Junaluska General Meeting  
In Person and Zoom  
January 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Hood. She wished all a Happy New Year!

Nancy called on Hilda Ryan for the Caring and Sharing report.

The following received sympathy cards:

Gene Lipscomb on the death of his sister.

Kathy Plowman on the death of her mother.

Steve Berwager on the death of his brother,

Ilah King on the death of her husband, Jack. The service for him will be Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 2:00 pm, at First United Methodist Church.

Diana Foederer read a poem about the Lake and then led the group in prayer.

Nancy Hood thanked Leisa McDonald and the Junaluska staff for their help in presenting the meeting on Zoom and their help with other audio-visual needs.

Larry Roberts led the group in celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Bill Lowry was called on for the Junaluska Moment.

In the year 1908, something happened that changed many lives. That was the year the Ford Model T was introduced. It was the car for middle America and made us a mobile nation. Five years later something happened that changed many lives also, but in a quite different way. That year the Southern Assembly was born and that became a destination for many seeking a blessing in their lives. To begin with, most arrived by train. Increasingly more began to arrive in their Model T's. The problem was getting here. There certainly were no interstates. Indeed, not many highways. An effort was made to help the folks arriving by car. It might just have been the first "Trip Tic". We have one of those in our archives. Let me share a bit with you.

It helps your drive from Chattanooga to Junaluska. It begins this way:

Road from Chattanooga to Junaluska is generally good. Average time from Chattanooga to Junaluska is a day and a half. With good luck and good weather, the trip can be made in a day.

Here are a few directions.

- To Sweetwater – clay road. Slick in wet weather but passable.
- Knoxville to Newport – old pike. Worn in some places but a very good road. Very narrow in some places. Drive carefully! Do not be misled to go by Mars Hill.
- Turn right at courthouse, cross iron bridge over French Broad River
- Keep on main road. Large house on right. Turn left on bridge across Sandy Mush Creek.
- At West Asheville, turn right on car line, then continue on main paved road. CAUTION! If wet weather take detour.
- If paving is open, continue. Otherwise, turn left (if you did not take detour, advance speedometer.)
- Woodrow, NC – turn right on brick pavement.
- Waynesville, NC – turn left around church. Unfinished concrete road for three miles.
- Lake Junaluska, NC – Railroad station and entrance to Southern Assembly.

You can easily tell that a drive from Chattanooga to Junaluska was an adventure. However, many did it and by 1948, passenger service on the train had ended and many of the arrivals were by car.

In the life of Junaluska, persons have arrived by train, car, bus, parachute, and on foot. However they got here, they were blessed.

Stay Tuned!

Nancy Hood stated that the minutes for the November Board and General meetings had been approved by the Board and were online at [lakejunaluska.com/community](http://lakejunaluska.com/community).

The Treasurer's report was also approved by the Board.

Nancy thanked Mark Schultz for writing the prayer in her column in the Lake Views and News. She also announced that the Junaluskan membership form for 2022, is in the Lake Views and News. Steve Berwager will be available after the meeting to receive forms and dues.

Ken Howle, executive director of Lake Junaluska, began by thanking Brian Aldridge for keeping the roads cleared during the recent snow event.

The lake draw down has begun. It usually takes two to three weeks before they can begin removing sediment. The slow draw down helps keep the fish alive. Wildlife on the Lake belongs to the state of North Carolina.

Lake administrators and local politicians were successful in adding Lake Junaluska to the North Carolina budget. These funds will help with sediment removal and repairs to the dam.

The Lake should be full by April.

Ken said there were several upcoming projects.

The water and sewer pipes will be replaced and then the streets will be paved on Lundy Lane and Siler Circle.

The culverts at the entrance of the Lake near the Bethea Welcome Center will be replaced and/or reinforced. Hoping to improve safety on the walking path.

The service charge for 2022 came out in December. The service charge will include the garbage collection fee. The millage rate stayed the same, but the values of homes went up mostly. The average increase in the service charge went up 22 per cent.

Ken thanked the Lake Junaluska Community Council for their approval of the service charge and the garbage collection fee change. He also said that the Community Council would be virtual this month.

Lake Junaluska will be hosting a free COVID testing site at the Children's Building. This will be paid for by Haywood County.

Ken asked that all read his article in the Lake Views and News concerning the second aspiration included in the strategic vision adopted by the Board of Trustees.

General Manager, Mike Huber, gave an update on the Conference Center.

He said it will be a busy winter at the Lake. There were ten different churches at the Lake, along with a number of non-church groups, during December.

Staffing shortages are better but still need help in housekeeping and food services.

A military group, Strong Bonds, a reentry program for those coming back from combat, is holding events here.

In January, six church groups, boy scout groups and 106.9 radio will be holding meetings here.

Projects include tree work and cutting back on the edge of the lake. Also work continues at the recreation area to keep pedestrians safe. There will be a new path from the York Dining Commons to Shackford Hall.

Mike recently hired a new administrative assistant, Betsy. Her responsibilities will include being in charge of coordinating volunteers.

In Memorial Chapel on January 9, there will be a Twelfth Day of Christmas Concert presented by the Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus.

Rebecca Mathis, Director of Development, read Psalm 138 from *The Message* to thank all for a good year at the Lake. The Annual Fund collected at least \$625,000.00 this year. This will provide funds for landscaping, for buildings and facilities, for ministry and worship, arts, and music, and where needed most. The Lake will go into 2022 with great strength.

Nancy Hood announced that Junaluskan dinners are cancelled through March. Having dinners again will be revisited at the April Board meeting.

She also announced that Vespers will be held in the Susan Todd Lounge on Sunday, January 9, at 5 pm. There will be no Vespers in February.

Randy Carlson reported that Christmas decorations will be coming down next week. Team leaders will be in touch with team members about the time they will meet. There has been talk of decorating the Reynolds Building and the Museum next year. A team leader is needed for this project.

The Christmas house and the building behind Lambuth will be opened next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to store decorations. Also, Randy and Linda are requesting a list of what decorations need replacing.

Jim Correll said that monthly shopping for Aviemore continues. He said that Susan Huckabee will be a shopper in 2022, and Sondra Shepherd will be a substitute.

Also, Jim said that due to COVID, a Christmas dinner was not held. Instead, each resident received a Christmas card with a fifty-dollar Wal-Mart card and sugar free candy bags. Phyllis Capponi and Diana Foederer made the bags. Thanks to them and to Margaret Ervin, who got the cards together and delivered them.

Judy LaFontaine announced that the Flea Market will be held Saturday, June 11. She asked all to reserve that Friday and Saturday for the event.

Nancy Hood called the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Evelyn Correll  
Recording Secretary