**Junaluskan General meeting**

**Harrell Center auditorium**

**January 4, 2023**

Jan Lemasters, newly elected president of the Junaluskans, called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and thanking the Lake Junaluska staff for their assistance in setting up the room for the meeting.

**Caring & Sharing:** Hilda Ryan reported that cards were sent to Dick Baldwin and Bonnie Florek on the death of Kathy Geyer Baldwin: Jack Carroll on the death of his wife, Anne; and Patricia Martin on the death of her husband, Glenn. It was also noted that Jim Martin, David Wright and Jim Winter passed away. Additions to the list included the death of Doug Wingeier, and Gretchen Branning, who fell, had surgery, and is now recovering.

Opening prayer was offered by Hilda Ryan.

**Special Recognition:** An honorarium was presentedto Bill Lowery in recognition of his decade of Junaluska Moments, which he shared during Junaluskan general meetings. It was a framed proclamation read by Ken Howle, Nancy Hood, and Jan Lemasters. He was also given gift certificates.

Melissa Tinsley, head landscaper, was introduced and gave a presentation on opportunities for volunteers in the gardens at Lake Junaluska. She had slides shown to highlight some of the 49 garden areas, including Inspiration Point, Biblical Garden, Susanna Wesley, Butterfly, Stuart Spring, C.E. Weatherby, Sr. Park, Colonnade, Rose Walk, Breezy Corner, the Playground, and in the greenhouse where they have over 10,000 plants. She also thanked the current team of volunteers for their diligence and hard work.

Jan Lemasters introduced the newly elected executive committee: George Kenney, first vice president; Steve Crites, second vice president; Frank Dunnewind, treasurer; Steve Berwager, recording secretary, and Margaret Amick, membership secretary.

**Reminders:**

Christmas decorationsare to be taken down and placed in appropriate storage areas the week of January 9 – 13. Randy Carlson will have the storage areas unlocked.

George Kenney reminded folks of the luncheon January 17 at Lambuth Inn, with guest Betina Morgan providing the entertainment. Reservations need to be given to Frank Dunnewind by January 10. The cost of the lunch, to be paid at the door, is $18.40.

Birthdays and anniversaries for the month of January were acknowledged by Larry Roberts.

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

Lake drawdown has begun for the purpose of dredging sediment.

Colonial Inn has been sold.

A connecting trail between the Terrace and Susanna Wesley gardens is being constructed.

The Warren Center is being renovated, and work will probably be ongoing for the next year.

At the end of Asbury Trail near the dam, there has been a major cutback and renovation to improve safety along the walking trail.

An improvement project is being planned at the main entrance to Lake Junaluska which will include the addition of culverts, two crosswalks along Highway 19, and a traffic light. Work should be completed in the next year.

Donations to Lake Junaluska in 2022 totaled 2.6 million dollars, which included $670,000 to the Annual Fund and $100,000 for repairs to Stuart Auditorium.

The archives committee, chaired by Susan Giles, is working to secure placement for the records currently housed at the Foundation for Evangelism building.

Upcoming events at Lake Junaluska include a dulcimer weekend, church retreats, and confirmation retreats.

The Discover Magazine, a yearly publication by Lake Junaluska, is ready to go to press.

Ken ended his update presentation by citing Psalm 133:1 - - “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

**Committee chair reports:**

Margaret Amick reported that we finished the 2022 year with 680 members. Members who pay this year will be sent an email as a reminder of their payment. A spreadsheet of the membership will be mailed to any member upon request. She also wrote articles on (1) ways to participate at Lake Junaluska, citing the differences between the Junaluskans, Junaluska Assembly Community Council (JACC), and Lake Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization, Inc. (LJAPOO, Inc); and (2) Lake Junaluska Giving Circles. Both articles would be available at the Junaluskan’s general meeting and posted on the Lake Junaluska website.

Evelyn Correll thanked members for their continued support of the food ministry and reminded them of the donation container at the back of the room.

Steve Crites announced that Lake Clean-up Day would be March 11, and volunteers should meet at 9 a.m. at Stuart Auditorium.

Don Rankin thanked members for their gifts to the Employee Assistance fund in December.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Berwager, recording secretary