

**Junaluskans General Meeting**  
**Harrell Center**  
**June 5, 2024**

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

**Caring & Sharing:** Hilda Ryan reported that a sympathy card was sent to the family of Kate Varner; Eliza Matthews fell and broke her hip; Bill Lowry had a bad fall, but thankfully no broken bones, just a lot of bruising.

Opening prayer was offered by Gary Phillips.

**Guest Speaker:** Sarah Workman, sharing information about the LJ Corneille Bryant Native Garden:

- A wonderful place of refuge for meditation and reflection
- Educational tours and workshops are provided periodically to see and learn about the 100 varieties of plants and 158 species of trees.
- It is one of the most biologically diverse regions of the world.
- Efforts are made to control invasive species.
- Workdays are held the last Wednesday of each month, and volunteers are invited to help.

**June Birthdays, Anniversaries and New Residents:** Larry Roberts recognized those with birthdays and/or anniversaries. No new residents were present.

**Chairperson Reports**

*Flea market:* Scheduled for June 8 from 8 a.m. -12 noon, with set-up on Friday, June 7. Early bird shopping (\$5 fee) begins at 7:30 a.m. The storage building is nearly full, so, if possible, hold onto the items you wish to donate and call Todd Stewart to arrange a P/U time on Friday morning, June 7. Baked items should be brought by the gym either Friday or early Saturday morning.

*Travel Committee:* Plans have been made for a trip to Franklin on June 15 to see the Highland Games. Please check your email for details.

*Spring Social:* John Johnson announced that the Spring social, to begin at 6:30 with a beach theme, has been moved indoors at the York Dining Commons due to weather predictions for rain. Wanda Kenney is coordinating the decorations. A donation of \$10 per person would be appreciated to help defray costs.

*Swan report:* Jackie Dingus - This year there were 11 signets born this Spring, and thus far we've lost 4 of them. One swan is missing. Swan keepers always wear vests so you can recognize them if you need to report any unusual activity.

### **New Business:**

- ◆ The July social will be held in lieu of a formal meeting at the newly completed Warren Center, from 10 - 11 a.m. on July 3. Junaluska members are asked to bring goodies. Punch and coffee will be available.
- ◆ Don & Pat Rankin were recognized for their contributions to LJA. They are moving to South Georgia to be nearer family.
- ◆ A Gallery Art Show will be held Labor Day weekend, with an Art Market at the Kern Building on Saturday.
- ◆ Junaluskan members were reminded to fill out the form for joining a fellowship group. Groups will be announced before the September starting date.
- ◆ Junaluska Day will be held June 25, celebrating LJA's 111 years of mission and ministry. You are invited to pray, share, and /or give, and join in the 11:30 ringing of the Weatherby Bell outside Stuart Auditorium.

### **Old Business:**

Word of thanks to the Ryans for a very inspirational hymn sing in May.

### **Ken Howle: Update on the Lake Junaluska Community**

Scheduled events/activities:

- Come join in the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations.
- The DOT project on the by-pass involves replacing 3 bridges, and the off ramp for US 19 will be closed at night on June 12.
- The newly completed Warren Center will be opening June 25. Several group meetings have been planned to be held there in July, including the Junaluskans and LJAPOO.
- The restaurant at the golf course, the 1919 Grill, is now open Wednesday thru Sunday from 11 a.m. -3 p.m.
- A \$290,000 grant has been received for the construction of 6 pickleball courts at LJA. Construction will begin after Labor Day and continue for 8 weeks.
- Bathroom renovations are to be done at the Harrell Center at a cost of \$100,000.
- A new water fountain is being installed along the walking trail, just after you cross the walking bridge. It will include a water access for dogs.
- Discussion is ongoing for a senior living component at the vacant lot across County Road.
- A duplex is being constructed on the lot just across the road at the Nancy Weldon Gym.
- The new Director of Advancement, John Wells, will begin work on August 1, 2024.

Check the Lake Views & News for a complete listing of other upcoming events and an introduction of the international staff. Ken closed by citing Ps. 1:33.

The meeting was dismissed at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Berwager, recording secretary

