

March Junaluska General Meeting Minutes
In Person and on Zoom
March 2, 2022

Nancy Hood, President of the Junaluska, called the meeting to order. She welcomed all and gave thanks to the Junaluska staff for their help in showing the meeting on Zoom.

Nancy called on Hilda Ryan for the Caring and Sharing report. Cards were sent to the following:

Jackie Wolfe on the death of her husband, Frank.
To the son of Gerry Reiff on her death.
Suzanne Howell on the death of her father.
Anna Ruth Conway following hospitalization for TIA.
Jack Carlisle on his upcoming surgery.
Kathy McNeil on continuing complications from cancer.

Jody Lipscomb led the group in prayer.

Nancy Hood welcomed new attendees Linda Erickson and Danny Compher.

Larry Roberts led the group in celebrating birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March.

Bill Lowry gave the Junaluska moment.

Centennial Moment - 3/2/22

Have you ever wondered just how Junaluska came to be: A dream in the night? A vision?

It was Tuesday, April 21, 1908 and the family had gathered at their home in Waynesville, which by the way, was located right where the Wells Fargo Bank is today. They were sitting in the living room when her father turned to her mother and said, "Ella, I am going to send a telegram to George suggesting that we get together on our plans..." That may very well be the first action that resulted with where we are sitting right now. The words were spoken by James Atkins to his wife, Ella, and remembered by their daughter Love. As you know by now, I am fascinated by how this place we call home came to be. Atkins sent the telegram to his friend George Rutledge Stuart. You remember that they met in Morristown, Tennessee when Atkins was a young pastor just beginning his ministry and Stuart, seven years younger than Atkins, lived in the same house while attending high school. Stuart went on to become a dynamic pastor and Atkins a highly respected Christian educator and was elected a bishop. But they remained friends and shared a dream of a great southern assembly. Though they parted ways for a while, each was greatly influenced by great assemblies of their day. Atkins during the time he was editor of Sunday School publications for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South attended conferences at Chautauqua Lake in New York state while Stuart preached at Winona Lake in Indiana and had a cottage there. Their experiences at these great Assemblies had a profound influence on these men and left them with the desire for something similar in the south.

When the Laymen's Missionary Movement opened their great conference in Chattanooga in April of 1908, Atkins saw an opportunity to get plans for a similar assembly underway. As a result of the telegram Stuart gathered a group of leaders for a meal after which they drafted the resolution calling for the construction of an assembly in the south. That resolution was adopted by the missionary conference and became the seed from which Junaluska was born.

Thus, if you wonder how the best corn growing valley west of Asheville became Lake Junaluska you just have to include the influence of Winona and Chautauqua assemblies.

Stay tuned.

Nancy Hood reported that the Junaluska Board had approved both the February Board and General Meeting Minutes. They can be found at lakejunaluskacommunity.org. The past month's minutes will be up online within the next week.

Steve Berwager, Treasurer, reported that the membership dues were listed in the wrong column. The Board approved the Treasurer's report with that change.

Ken Howle, Executive Director of Lake Junaluska, gave his report.

It is mulch season at the Lake. Several groups, including Junaluskans, are working on this project.

Linda Erickson, who has retired to the Lake, has assisted others at the Lake in the area of hospitality.

The dredging of the Lake has been affected by the increased amount of rain and snow. Currently, they are looking forward to three more days of dredging this year. Due to funds from the state of North Carolina, dredging will continue for two more years.

The Security Office is moving to an office area in the York Dining Commons. Hopefully having the security vehicles more visible might reduce speeding, etc.

Muddy Sneakers, an ecological program for fifth graders, will be held at Campground Lodge.

The Vibration Institute will be held here again this year. It is about the papermaking process that involves vibration. This program has been going on for fifteen years.

Several Baptists and Methodists groups will be having meetings here. Also, the Seventh Day Adventist planners will be meeting with staff at the Lake to plan for their week event this summer.

Ken then called on Mike Huber, General Manager, to present his report.

Mike said that Lake Beautification Day would be March 30. The staff and Junaluskans will be working on projects around the Lake to improve the grounds.

The staff at the Lake continues to grow. Applications for positions have started coming in. Twenty-seven international seasonal employees will be here from May to October.

The Lake is expanding the use of surveillance cameras around the grounds. One is on the golf course, one is on the Rose Walk, and one is at the cross.

A lease has been signed with Highway 209 Café owners to open a custard and crepe shop in the area know as the Soda Shop. Hoping to have it open in May.

The Columbarium at the Memorial Chapel has heating and air conditioning now. It was also painted and restained. The Meditation Pier was power washed.

The fishing pier will be power washed, and handrails extended.

The waterfall on Asbury Trail has been fixed and is working again.

The stairs at Shackford Hall have been repaired and carpet will be replaced soon.

The Terrace Elevators have been repaired and all should be operating within the week.

A furniture refinisher will be working on the furniture in the rooms at the Terrace.

The eaves on the porch at the Kerns Building have been fixed and rotting wood has been replaced.

A grant for the Theologian in Residence program was received from the Intentional Growth Center. Dan Martin will oversee the program this summer.

Mike encouraged us all to say "Hi" to the staff and thank them all for their great work.

A suggestion was made that Mike look into putting more rocking chairs on the porch at Kerns.

The Nomads, a traveling group of United Methodists that travel in RVs, will be coming to the Lake in March to do projects around the Lake. There will be nine couples in the group.

Director of Development, Rebecca Mathis, came forward to make her report. She thanked all at the meeting and on Zoom for their support.

She stated that a new Lake Junaluska website had been launched. It is lakejunaluska.com. but structured differently. The Community website is located at lakejunaluskacommunity.org. These two websites can be directed to each other for different information.

The new Discover magazine is due today and will be distributed in the days ahead. The Discover magazine and the Visitors Guide have been combined.

Committee Reports

Nancy Hood reminded the group that the Flea Market is June 11. Set up is June 10. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Nancy also reminded the group Vespers would be on Sunday, March 6. Keith Turman, pastor of First United Methodist Church, would be the speaker. Vespers will be held in the Memorial Chapel at 5:00 pm.

Grace Gattis, Fellowship Group Coordinator, announced that new groups would be forming in September 2022. She has new forms for all to complete who are interested in being in a fellowship group,

Evelyn Correll reported that groceries are still being bought for the Aviemore food pantry. She noted that the cost of groceries has gone up and encouraged the group to support this ministry with their donations.

Don Rankin reported that UMCOR is receiving donations to support United Methodist Churches in Ukraine. He had cards with the Advance number to put on your checks as well as the UMCOR address. He also noted that a Ukrainian soldier from World War II had worked on the stained glass windows in Memorial Chapel.

Margaret Amick, Membership Secretary, has a table in the lobby of the Bethea Welcome Center so people can pay their membership dues for 2022. Membership forms will also go out in the water bills this month.

Jody Lipscomb announced that Art in Place will be held April 10 to May 10. Please put your art display in your front yard or in a window in your house so that it can be seen as people walk or drive by.

Ron Clauser announced that registration for Senior Games is going on through March 17. There are two divisions of competition – Silver Arts and Sporting Events. Ron has forms if you need one. Closing ceremony is May 5, at First United Methodist Church.

Ashley Calhoun told the group that a new book entitled *The Life of John Wesley Gilbert*, an African American preacher that traveled with Walter Lambuth, is on sale on Amazon. There is a copy available in our library.

Cynthia Ewing announced that Sara Workman is the Chairman of the Board for the Corneille Bryant Gardens. Wildflower walks, the plant sale, and educational activities will be coming up in the spring. Volunteers are welcomed.

Nancy Hood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Correll
Recording Secretary