

Junaluskans General Meeting
In Person and Zoom
November 3, 2021

Nancy Hood, Junaluskans President, called the meeting to order.

She called on Hilda Ryan for the Caring and Sharing report. The following have been sent cards this month:

Tom Wilkes – following a stroke
Kathy Geyer McNeil – continuing cancer treatment and pain/weakness
Sue Keck – hysterectomy and cancer treatment
Tamara King – fall and detached retina
Dianne Goodgame - following the death of her husband, Gordon
Ray and Joy Whitmer – following the death of their son

She also announced that the funeral service for Boyd Holliday would be Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 pm, in Memorial Chapel at the Lake.

Also, Gordon Goodgame's funeral will be Sunday, November 28, at 3:00 pm, at First United Methodist Church in Waynesville.

Steve Berwager led the group in prayer.

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

Bill Lowry presented the following Junaluska Moment.

It was blazed across the headlines: *THEY HAVE NAMED IT JUNALUSKA!*

The announcement created great excitement, but it did not refer to the new assembly. It referred to the new lake. Actually, the new assembly had already been named. Following the adoption of the resolution at the Laymen's Missionary Conference in 1908, like all good Methodists, the Missionary Movement setup a committee. The committee then petitioned the North Carolina Assembly to pass an act of incorporation thus creating a new corporate entity. Following this, the committee met in the home of James Atkinson on June 10, 1910, for the purpose of electing officers and creating this new cooperate municipality which they named, not Junaluska, but *The Southern Assembly*. At this point the Assembly still belonged to the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Then construction began.

What had been a cornfield became a beautiful lake. It was the lake that was named Junaluska after the highest mountain peak to be seen to the west, which had been named for the Cherokee chief.

It was the intent, from the beginning, that the assembly would belong to the church. However, by church law the Methodist Episcopal Church, South could not accept a gift if there was a debt on it. On several occasions the Laymen's Missionary Conference offered it to the church and the church refused it. Most persons who came to the Assembly thought this was a facility that belonged to the church, but in the beginning it did not. Finally, in an effort to identify the assembly with the church, the name was changed in 1929, from the Southern Assembly to the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly.

Call it what you will, it is still a special and blessed place.

Stay Tuned.

Nancy Hood told the group that changes had been made to the Board and General Minutes during the Board meeting and the minutes were approved. You can find the October minutes online at lakejunaluska.com/community.

The proposed budget for 2022 will be presented once it is approved by the board.

Ken Howle, executive director of Lake Junaluska, presented his report.

He began by mentioning the beauty of the lake at this time of year.

He noted that the Board of Trustees met a few weeks ago. The work of the Junaluskans was celebrated during the Trustee meeting.

The Arts and Music Task Force presented their report to the Trustees. More sharing about that report will be coming in the months ahead.

We will be continuing to focus on our mission here.

Ken let us know of several questions he had been asked.

Will the Lake be drawn down this year?

The Lake will be drawn down this year. It has been drawn down the last two years, but work has not been completed. The draw down will begin in December and the Lake should be full again by Easter.

What about paving?

Paving was not able to be completed on South Lakeshore, Siler Circle, or Tillman due to lack of asphalt. Wells Road will be paved.

When are the leaf trucks coming?

Public Works will be trying to get around each week.

Ken then gave us an update on Security issues. The Chapel parking lot will be closed at night. Security will close the bridge over the dam when the temperature is at or near freezing.

Mike Huber, General Manager, mentioned the recovery from the pandemic is happening faster than thought. In the next two months, there will be eighteen overnight events and fifteen day events.

The problem with the quick recovery is the shortage of staff. He asked for prayers for the staff we have as they work hard to keep things going.

In two weeks, both hotels will be full.

There will be a Thanksgiving buffet that will be served from 11 to 2 on Thanksgiving Day at the Terrace.

Junaluskans will be participating in the Waynesville Christmas Parade on December 6. Persons should contact Tammy McDowell if you would like to ride on the trolley or walk beside the trolley and hand out goodies.

On December 17 – 19, there will be carriage rides around the Lake. There will be double the number of rides as compared to last year.

More information about holiday parties at the Lake will be coming.

Thanks to Randy and Linda Carlson Christmas decorating will begin next week.

Director of Development, Rebecca Mathis, told the group that the Annual Fund is the hands and feet of Christ at the Lake. Funds keep up the Rose Walk, Inspiration Point, and the grounds around the Lake.

She let the Junaluskans know that the Annual Fund goal had been exceeded in 2019 and 2020. So far this year, the Lake has raised \$437,356.06 of the \$475,000.00 goal for 2021. Thanks to all who have given, and she asks for continued support.

Be the Light Initiative, which will stop at the end of 2021, has raised \$87,567.76 towards its goal of \$100,000.00,

Nancy Hood announced there will be no November Junaluskans dinner due to COVID. On December 1, the Junaluska General Meeting will be a Christmas social, with cookies, punch, and coffee.

On December 14, there will a social at the York Dining Commons from 5 to 7 pm. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cider, and hot punch. Those wishing to go will carpool over to Asheville to the Arboretum to see the Christmas lights.

Vespers will be held Sunday, November 7, at 5:00 pm, in the Memorial Chapel. Tammy McDowell will be the speaker.

Randy and Linda Carlson, co-chairs of the Christmas Decorating Committee, said decorating at the Lake will begin November 8. Linda said there are new bows available if needed.

Linda Carlson, chairperson of the Prayer Ministry, said she had the table and prayer box ready to set up at the Terrace.

Steve Crites announced a Military Appreciation Event will be held on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, at the Gifts and Grounds. Veterans showing IDs can get a free coffee or a small ice cream. Donations will be collected at the end of the meeting.

Steve also announced that the wreaths will be put up on the Rose Walk on Monday, November 8, at 1:00 pm. The garland will be hung on Tuesday, November 9, at 9:00 am.

Evelyn Correll, co-chair of Aviemore Ministries, announced due to COVID concerns, there will be no Christmas dinner at Aviemore. The Junaluskans will give a gift card of \$50.00 to each resident, along with a card and a goodie bag.

Members that had previously paid for a Junaluskans Dinner can see Steve Berwager for a refund.

Nancy Hood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Evelyn Correll
Recording Secretary