

Junaluskans General Meeting
In-Person and Zoom
October 6, 2021

Steve Crites, vice-president of the Junaluskans, called the meeting to order.

He welcomed all and asked if there were visitors. Barbara Stanton introduced Rose Tanksley.

Steve thanked the staff of Lake Junaluska for assisting in putting the meeting on Zoom. Special thanks to Leisa McDonald for her help during the meeting.

Hilda Ryan gave the following report from the Sharing and Caring Committee:

Condolence cards:

Ben Rouse – on death of his wife, Jeanne

Phyllis Robinson – on death of her sister, Teresa

Karen Ford – on the death of her mother, Gail

Linda Varner – on the death of her sister

Jean Holliday – on the death of her husband, Boyd

To the family of the Rev. Harley Dickson, upon his death

Prayers for healing cards:

Tom Wilkes upon a second stroke

Ann Wilkinson in rehab at Givens

Nancy Geyer – coming home from rehab today

Kathy McNeil – continuing cancer treatments

Darwin Van Gorp – following a stroke

Hilda Ryan led the group in prayer.

Larry Roberts led the group in celebrating October birthdays. There was no one at the meeting with an October anniversary.

Bill Lowry presented the following Junaluska Moment:

This morning let's use our imagination. Suppose a family member calls and says they are coming to Junaluska for a visit, and they want you to make the arrangements for them. They would like you to make a reservation for them at Cherokee Inn. If they are full, see if you can get a room at Epworth Lodge. They also want to plan for you all to get together while they are here for a meal at the Tea Room in the Boathouse. They will be coming at the end of a long trip and want to be sure that the Junaluska Dry Cleaners will be open to take care of some of their clothes while they are here. Your answer is obvious. No to all of that. Why? You know that none of those exist. But, once they did.

The Cherokee Inn was built in 1917 by Dr. James Cannon who was the first Superintendent of the Assembly and was later elected a bishop. The Inn was first named Virginia Lodge. It was located approximately where the World Methodist Building is. When it was later torn down the materials were taken to Maggie Valley and used to build the Mountain Valley Lodge.

Epworth Lodge was built by George R. Stuart. It was located in the bend of Stuart Circle. It was unique in that it had two main entrances. One opened onto Stuart Circle and the other, which was on the second floor, opened onto Oxford Road.

The dry cleaners were in a small frame structure, just off the west end of the original Terrace Hotel. In 1926, it was removed.

After the Auditorium Hotel (also known as the Public Service Building) burned, the Boat House was built out over the water in front of the Terrace Hotel. It contained classrooms, a large meeting room, and the Tea Room. The Cherokee boat docked there and gave the Boat house its name. When the Lake is lowered you can still see the remains of the foundation of the Boat House.

Of course, we remember that Junaluska Inn, the Auditorium Hotel, and the craft hut burned, but the evolution of our beautiful campus continued and today we are so fortunate to live in the midst of this beautiful place.

Stay Tuned.

The Junaluska Board approved the Board Meeting minutes and General Meeting minutes. These can be found online at lakejunaluska.com/community.

The Treasurer's report was also approved by the Board and is printed in the Lake News and Views.

Ken Howle, Executive Director of Lake Junaluska, gave the following report, based on questions he has received during the month:

*How many people are we housing due to the flooding?

Initially, there were 250 rescue workers. One of the workers from Greensboro, NC, sent a word of thanks.

Ninety-seven people that were displaced due to flooding came here for temporary housing. There are currently sixty-one people here. There are eight families with children, four are veterans, and nine families are close to moving back home. Twenty-three homes are not suitable for habitation. Work is going on between the county and FEMA to get housing. DSS is here 24/7 in the children's building. All temporary residents have signed a covenant with the Lake about living in our community.

Ken encourages everyone one that if you See Something, Say Something.

*Are paying groups still coming to the Lake?

Some groups have cancelled as the Covid numbers have not gone down. Other groups have continued to come, including the Catholic Diocese of Knoxville, the International Nurses with the East-West Venture, Baptists and Presbyterian groups, family reunions, Chamber of Commerce, Cataloochee Ski Patrol training event, eleven weddings, and a birthday event for someone 90 years old.

*What improvements are going on?

Paving on South Lakeshore Drive from the foot bridge to Armstrong Drive, and on Tillman, Mouzon, and Wells Road.

Three new all way stops have been erected on South Lakeshore.

Speed limit signs have been painted on roads around the Lake.

Improvement on sidewalks in the Littleton Road area is scheduled.

Jody Lipscomb painted the sign at Hickory Hills. She did a lovely job.

The parking lot at the York Dining Commons has been sealed and striped.

An Assembly of God group gave money for paving the Chapel parking lot.

The Terrace wall is being fixed.

An elevator in the Terrace had a cylinder to go bad. It is currently being replaced and hopes are that it will be working soon. Both elevators will be fixed, and it will cost about \$150,000.

The Terrace windows were cleaned.

Hillside Lodge got a new roof and painting is planned.

*How can you help?

Prayers have been felt. Please continue to pray for the Lake.

Volunteers are needed to work cleaning flower beds in October and to put up Christmas decorations in November.

Ongoing giving is appreciated.

*What is happening with the Colonial?

Community members led by Chuck Lipp are reviewing proposals for the sale of the Colonial. The building will not be sold at auction.

Ken extended heartfelt thanks as the Lake continues to weather the storm.

Steve Crites stated there would be no Junaluskan dinner in October due to continued Covid concerns.

Committee Reports

Steve Crites welcomed Grace Gattis as the new Fellowship Group Coordinator and thanked Judy Starnes for her service in this position.

Clothes to Kids is moving to Clyde, NC. They will be moving into a more centrally located and larger building. The Junaluskan Board voted to give this organization one thousand dollars to assist with the move.

Steve Crites gave out new member forms and announced we have 706 members!

Randy and Linda Carlson reported that November 8-12 will be the dates for Christmas decorating at the Lake, weather permitting. Randy said that there are fifty sites and seventy-five volunteers. Linda said that the Bow Workshop was highly successful. Barbara Stanton led the group and made at least one hundred bows on her own.

Linda Carlson talked about the prayer ministry at the Lake. There will be a new prayer box at the Terrace. The Junaluskan Board voted to give them \$700 to assist with getting the prayer box made and a table to put it on.

Sharon Carlisle announced that Vespers will not be held this month due to Covid. Keith Turman, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Waynesville, has agreed to come back in March to speak at Vespers.

Jim Correll stated that the Junaluskans support Aviemore, a low-income housing facility that contains twenty-four units. We stock a pantry monthly. At Christmas, we normally provide a Christmas dinner, a gift card for each resident, and a goodie bag for all. Plans are to do the dinner this year as last year we could not, due to Covid.

Grace Gattis asked if anyone was interested in joining a Fellowship Group, please see her after the meeting.

Steve Crites announced he and his wife were providing free ice cream or coffee at the Gifts and Grounds to veterans on Veterans Day in November. If you would like to donate, contact him.

Rebecca Mathis, Director of Development, shared a lovely note she received from a first timer at the Lake. The writer said that if you needed a break, this was the place to be. She also stated that the Lake speaks to your very soul.

Steve Crites adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Evelyn Correll
Recording Secretary