

## **Junaluskans General Meeting**

In Person and Zoom

September 8, 2021

Nancy Hood, president, called the meeting to order. She welcomed those in person and on Zoom. A new member, Laura Wahlburg, was introduced.

Randy and Laura Carlson, co-chairs for Christmas decorations, passed around a sign-up sheet for people willing to set up and take down decorations this holiday season.

Hilda Ryan gave the Caring and Sharing report.

Condolence cards were sent to the following:

Alan Jackson on the death of his wife.

Tamara Cole on the death of her father.

Tracy Owen on the death of her husband.

Judy Hust on the death of her husband.

Other deaths that have occurred recently include Boyd Holliday, Karen Ford's mother, and Lynda Varner's sister.

Prayers for healing cards were sent to the following:

Jim Cooper – rotator cuff surgery and subsequent hospitalization.

Jeanette Shaver – recovering from minor stroke.

Kim Mulholland – recovering from brain surgery.

Jackie Wolfe – recovering from knee surgery.

Kathy McNeil – pain and weakness from cancer treatment.

Tom Wilkes – recovering from a stroke.

Thomas Hunter – recovering after surgery.

It was mentioned that Wannie Hardin is in rehab and no visitors are allowed due to COVID.

Jim Correll led the group in prayer.

Nancy Hood noted that the Board approved the August Board and General Meeting minutes. Also, the June General Meeting minutes were amended and approved. These minutes can be found online at [lakejunaluska.com/community](http://lakejunaluska.com/community).

Nancy Hood noted the Treasurer's report was approved by the Board. It was noted that we now have 700 members of the Junaluskans.

Larry Roberts led the group in celebrating August birthdays and anniversaries.

Bill Lowry presented the Junaluska Moment.

### **CENTENNIAL MOMENT #70**

It fascinates me to study the early days of Junaluska. The people who walk across the pages of our history are most interesting. There was James Atkins, George R. Stuart, J. Dale Stenz, Clarence Elmer Snyder, but wait... Clarence Snyder? You don't remember that name? Clarence Snyder was an educator. He was also a friend (though distant) of

Theodore Roosevelt and Thomas Edison. He created the Snyder School for Boys, a rather exclusive boarding prep school. He called it an *outdoor school* and focused on classes and activities held out in nature. His school opened in 1914. It had two campuses. One was on Captiva Island, Florida and the other (you guessed it) Junaluska. His students would be here in the fall after Junaluska closed its season. There would be all manner of outdoor activities including hikes to Eagles Nest Mountain and trips into Waynesville, (Yes, they *walked* to Waynesville!) They had classes in the hotel and in the auditorium. They even published an annual, copies of which still exist. It was good for the Assembly since it was a source of income at a time when, otherwise, the Assembly would be closed.

The timing worked well. With the summer events over, the students were housed in the Auditorium Hotel. Unfortunately, this did not last long. On October 17, 1920, the Auditorium Hotel burned to the ground. Fortunately, no one was lost or even injured in the fire, but other accommodations had to be found.

Now “fast forward” almost a hundred years. I am seated at my desk in the Heritage Center, and I get a phone call from a lady in Oregon who had just received a photo album that had belonged to her great nephew. In it was a picture of a building that was burning. Under the picture he had written that this is what happened when one of his fellow students at the Snyder School for boys had been sneaking a smoke. The building in the picture was the Auditorium Hotel.

Elmer Snyder was not to be put off, however. He simply moved his boys to another hotel just opening. It was not far from the auditorium. They had named it the Colonial Hotel.

Stay tuned

Based on COVID numbers, the September Junaluskans dinner has been cancelled.

Ken Howle, Executive Director of Lake Junaluska, brought his report to the group.

He noted there was no Smoky Mountain Folk Festival on Labor Day Weekend due to COVID. Despite this there were a lot of guests here during the holiday.

After the flood caused by tropical storm Fred, many evacuees and recovery groups have been housed and fed at the Lake. The Junaluskans fed over 220 rescue workers on a Friday night. Thanks were expressed to all who have helped with the care of these groups. Ken talked about receiving a thank you card from one of the rescue workers.

The evacuees will be here as long as needed.

Jan LeMasters has been coordinating volunteers.

Governor Cooper has declared our area a disaster area and we are waiting to see if FEMA will become involved. Some churches are bringing in recovery crews and will be staying on the grounds.

Ken Howle talked about the Department of Transportation bridge project. The DOT held their first in person public meeting since March of 2020, here at the Lake a few weeks ago to discuss

what the changes will look like. Those that attended were encouraged to give feedback. Ken said he would send out an email on how we can respond online to give feedback.

Ken gave the following updates on the bridge project:

- They will be putting in a pedestrian crosswalk with flashing lights.
- They will be planting trees between the highway and the golf course along Highway 74.
- The noise problem along South Lakeshore near the project is still unresolved. Ken, Dave Nicholson, Nancy Hood and George Kenney plan to meet with the DOT soon to understand what the state plans to do to resolve the sound issue along Hickory Hill Drive and the Golf Course.

Ken Howle said that the Public Works building was flooded in the basement. This flooding was caused by the sink hole near the building. This has caused problems with the heating system.

Ken reminded us that if we, "See Something, Say Something". This helps keep difficulties from escalating at the Lake.

There were 309 people that walked/ran in the Lake 5K Run. A portion of the registration goes to maintain and improve trails at the Lake.

There are a lot of groups coming in September. The Holston Conference, along with the Western North Carolina Conference, the Salvation Army, and the Seventh Day Adventists have plans to meet here during the summer of 2022.

The Lake continues to experience group cancellations due to COVID. The Lake is encouraging meeting outside. The Public continues to book rooms here.

Ken Howle said the administration would keep the community informed about volunteer opportunities.

Jan LeMasters reported that lots of people have volunteered to assist with helping flood victims. People have donated furniture, washed clothes, given detergent pods, and made desserts. Volunteers are needed to strip beds. She thanked all who have helped.

Nancy Hood thanked Diana Foederer for the lovely job on the News and Views.

Sharon Carlisle said that Vespers will be postponed until October.

Ray and Linda Carlson thanked all who signed up to help decorate the Lake in November. Linda says that the bows need replacing. Barbie Stanton will have a bow making workshop following The Woman's Club meeting on September 20, at 1:00pm.

Linda Carlson said the Prayer Ministry here has received some heart wrenching prayer requests. If interested in being involved with the Prayer Ministry, please let her know.

George Kenny, chair of the Scholarship Committee, said two college students were awarded scholarships of one thousand dollars each.

Jim Correll said that he was in conversation with Aviemore about the Christmas dinner the Junalusks provide. Currently, Aviemore thinks the dinner can happen but will see if COVID slows down.

Sharon Carlisle announced that the Out of the Darkness Community Walk for suicide prevention has been postponed until November.

Diana Foederer reminded the group that Books Alive meets at the Library in the Harrell Center at 1:00pm.

Nancy Hood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Evelyn Correll  
Recording Secretary