

**Junaluskans General Meeting**  
**Harrell Center**  
**February 7, 2024**

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

**Caring & Sharing:** Hilda Ryan reporting: Please be in prayer for the following – Jeanette Shaver on the death of her sister; Jean Pate & family on the death of her husband, Bruce; Randy Carlson is continuing chemo treatments; Jim Hart and John Barnes are in rehab following illnesses; Pete Taylor is recovering from eye surgery; and David & Donna Wilkins on the death of their son, Ross.

Opening prayer was offered by Don Rankin.

**Guest Speaker:** Guest speaker, Chuck Lipp, speaking on behalf of the LJA Dam Preservation Group, gave a report on the Lake Junaluska dam. They are working to develop both a 10-year and a 50-year plan. The current safety rating is less than satisfactory for the dam which was constructed in 1911-1912. Repairs were made in the 1930's, 1950's, 1970's, and to the buttresses in 2004. The current need is to extract a log without damaging the control gate in which it is lodged. The dam is currently stable, but the earthen part of the dam and the area between the buttresses need reinforcing. Current maintenance is projected to be \$100K per year. Within the next 10-15 years expenses will be \$5 – \$15 million. Current funding is \$25K per year, and applications have been sent to the State of NC for \$1.5 million and to the Federal government for \$2 million.

On the brighter side, APW has reduced water loss from 50% down to 10%.

**February Birthdays, Anniversaries and New Residents:** Larry Roberts recognized those with birthdays and/or anniversaries. There were 4 first timers attending the meeting.

**Chairperson Reports**

*Flea market:* Scheduled for June 8 from 8 a.m. -12 noon, with set-up on Friday, June 7. All area chairperson positions have been filled.

*Membership:* Memberships received thus far in 2024 total 235.

*Spiritual Committee:* The next Vespers service will be held March 5, at 4 p.m. in the chapel. Guest speaker will be Don Kirkendall, director of Music Ministry at FUMC.

**Announcements:**

Many thanks to those who participated in the Chapel clean-up day. Twenty-one volunteers completed the task in 1 ½ hours.

A salad and sandwich potluck-style lunch is tentatively scheduled for April 9, with the NOMADS as our guests.

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

- ◆ Drawdown of the lake continues as sediment is being removed. The option of dredging in the future is being investigated.
- ◆ DOT will begin a four-year project this year to replace the bridges on the bypass.
- ◆ The pedestrian crossings have yet to be approved.
- ◆ Improvements on the walking trail totaling \$45,000 will begin soon.
- ◆ Improvements will be made this year in the recreation area.
- ◆ Structural work is being done on Stuart Auditorium.
- ◆ The house on County Road has been boarded up to keep vagrants out.
- ◆ The LJA Discover Magazine has been completed and will be mailed out this month.
- ◆ The annual Polar Plunge will be held this Saturday, February 10, at LJA.
- ◆ The Lake clean-up day is scheduled for February 24 from 9 – 11 a.m. Volunteers should meet in front of Stuart Auditorium between 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. to receive assignments.

The meeting was dismissed at 11:10 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Berwager, recording secretary