

**Junaluskans General Meeting
Harrell Center Auditorium
February 11, 2026**

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

Caring and Sharing Cynthia Lindberg shared several concerns about recent deaths. Nancy Hood had hip surgery, and asks for our prayers.

Opening Prayer - Rev. Jeff Mickle offered the opening prayer.

Guest Speaker Pat McKim, Program Ministry Director for the Lake, presented about the programs offered at the Lake. She invited us to find a quiet, holy place in our spirits as she read scriptures to us. She then invited us to share about that place and several people did. Her goal is to provide experiences where people can experience Christ and spiritual transformation through the events and opportunities offered at the Lake. She reported that at recent youth events, many of the groups had never been here before, as a way of saying we are here not only for the present but also for those who are not yet here. She told about youth retreats, including Chris Singleton as the guest speaker over MLK weekend, and two upcoming United Methodist confirmation retreats. She highlighted upcoming events: Peace Conference (March 12-15) where the theme is “Disarming Hatred.; Easter Sunrise Service (April 5, 7:00) ; Summer Worship /Theologian in Residence program (June 28 through August 5);for the first time this year, Wilderness Trail, June 6-11, for youth hiking; Storytelling at the Firepit (Thursdays, 8pm in July); Independence Week (July 28-July 5) with a variety of activities; Festival of Wisdom and Grace (August 17-21); Ukulele Retreat (September 17-20); Choir Music Weekend (October 16-18); Wonder Summit for children ministry leaders (November 4-6) Christmas at Lake Junaluska events (December 11-13). More will be added. She invited us to pray, to participate, to volunteer, and to give her names of those whom she could reach out to.

Birthdays, anniversaries and first-time attendees Larry Roberts asked, but there was no first-time attendee. February birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Committees

Lake Cleanup – Steve Crites announced the day is March 7, at 9:00 a.m. meeting at Stuart Auditorium. The lake will be drawn down to help with picking up along the lake’s edge.

Membership – Margaret Amick announced that at this time last year, the membership was 197. Today, the membership is currently 263, including those who signed up this morning.

Clean Fishing – Patricia Parrish lifted up a flyer that explains the effort to remove lead weights from the lake. She invited people to be part of the group that shares the info with fisherfolk, along with a bag of non-lead weights. There are two places to dispose fishing line, etc., that we find around the lake.

Announcements/Events

- Spring potluck lunch. Date will be decided after we consult with the NOMADS about whether they prefer to come to the potluck or to go out to dinner.

- Flea market June 13
- Junaluska Country Western BBQ and entertainment June 16 at York. The lake will provide the meat, and we will provide potluck dishes.
- Linda Henley's book entitled *Reflections II* is available at Gifts and Grounds, and from Linda. Cover painting by Ashley Calhoun

Updates from Ken Howle

- A flyer in the mail that had the Lake Junaluska logo is not a Lake Junaluska event; the sponsors used the logo without permission.
- Work at the Susanna Wesley Garden has begun. It will take approximately two years to complete the planting and replace the steps.
- A tree was floating in the lake, and it was removed by lassoing it in.
- The big stump below Lambuth Inn was removed this week, a remnant from Hurricane Helene, and several trees removed, with assistance from Larry Roberts endowment fund
- Sediment will not be removed from the lake this year. We are working on a permitting process to find more land to store the removed sediment.
- The lake will be drawn down for Lake Cleanup Day
- Colonial Inn experienced a catastrophic waterline break last week.
- Swan volunteers were recognized for their work through the cold weather. We had a \$4000+ veterinary bill for a swan that swallowed fishing hooks and line. Anyone who wants to contribute to the swan fund is invited to do so (in addition to annual fund).
- The Sharing Our Gifts campaign has received a \$150,000 gift so there is now full funding for the miniature golf project.
- The annual fund had a goal of \$550,000 in 2025, and we raised \$684,000.
- The dam has received a grant of \$198,000 to repair damage from Hurricane Helene. An additional \$196,000 grant is a matching grant for dam and lake improvement.
- We are now focused on the recreation area (walking trail, shade pavilion), Stuart Auditorium, the Cross.
- Total gifts to the campaign have exceeded \$14,000,000.

Jan shared that our May meeting will be focused around the Susanna Wesley area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeffrey Mickle,
 Recording Secretary