**Junaluskans General Meeting**

**Lambuth Inn, International Room**

**August 2, 2023**

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

**Caring & Sharing:** Hilda Ryan reporting: Recent deaths – Gina Campbell’s father, Jim Gilland

Opening prayer was offered by Mark Schulz.

**Guest Speaker:** Guest speaker, Sarah Tippett: Sarah shared information about the Biblical Garden, and the upcoming hymn sing scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 at 7 pm. She got the vision for the garden in 2008 as a place for meditation and inspiration. After Roddy Ray suggested the perfect location, Sarah started planning. With the help of funds from the Junaluskans and Tuscola Garden Club, the garden began to take shape. The Nomads built the grape arbor, and Pat Dunnewind assisted with the planning and plantings to make the garden a reality. The next project is to have someone design, build and install a handrail for added safety at the entrance steps to the garden.

**Ken Howle: Update on the Lake**

Recognition was given to Dave Nicholson upon his retirement, and a reception is planned for August 10 at 10 am in the Gaines auditorium at the Bethea Welcome Center.

Carroll Woody, Jr was introduced as the new Director of Services.

For concerns regarding the waterfowl, if you see something, say something. Always call security about dead animals you may find around the lake.

The swimming pool has had recent closures due to filter system malfunctions.

The Cherokee IV excursion boat has been removed from the lake for motor repair.

Balsam Range will present a concert in December but have not finalized their plans for July 4, 2024.

There is currently no water coming over the spillway because it is too warm for the wildlife downstream.

County Road is scheduled to be paved this month.

Salvation Army will be here August 8 – 13 and services are open to the public.

The Warren Center connection trail is now open. Landscaping is yet to be done, along with the installation of benches. The Warren Center will hopefully be completed next Spring/Summer.

Guest reviews cited the friendly staff, nice facilities, and the Dingus’s tree which is lit year-round.

**Birthdays, Anniversaries and New Residents:** In Larry Robert’s absence, Steve Berwager recognized newcomers Kevin Ward and Mike & Dianne Pass, as well as those celebrating August birthdays and anniversaries.

**Treasurer’s report:** Presented by Frank Dunnewind

**Announcements:**

*Annual Flea Market :* This year’s Flea Market was another big success, bringing in over $29,000.

*Travel Committee:* George Shepherd announced a trip is planned to the Craft Festival in Highlands on Saturday, August 26. See the Lake Views & News for details.

*Vespers:* The Fall meeting is scheduled for October 15, 5 pm, with Margaret McCleskey as the guest speaker.

*Junaluskan dinners:* The next dinner will be held September 19, with a reception prior to the dinner hosted by the Artists in Residence for our guest entertainer, John Salaway. A soup cook-off is planned for the luncheon meeting in October.

*Fellowship Groups:* Will begin in September. If you are not a part of any group and wish to be, please contact Grace Gattis.

*Artists in Residence:* Thank you to those who participated in the flotilla and porch decorating in July.

*Summer concert:* The Blue Ridge Big Band will give a concert under the white tent on Friday, August 4, at 7 pm.

*Lake Views & News:* Nancy Watkins encouraged people to read the online version of the LV&N to save paper and aid in conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Berwager, recording secretary