

8.13.17 Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sue Diel at 11:17 A.M.

Members Present: Sue Diel, Julie Poquette, Grace Johnson, Carol Rudd, Greg Granlund, Tara Johnson, Pastor Lori, and Sally Gavin.

Members Absent: Kim Stien and Anthony Windau.

Guest: Andrea Gapko

An opening prayer was given by Pastor Lori and we talked about faith and how we show it at ULC and in the community.

The Secretary's Report from July 11, 2017 was presented and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as written.

Action Items:

1. The day and time of our Council Meetings was discussed on line and the best time turned out to be the third Thursday of the month – starting in September at 6:00 P.M. (September 21). Pastor Lori will check with Kim. If not Thursday – then Tuesday.
2. September 23 (10 to 4 – with a break) will be the conclusion of the study of Acts . This will be held at the Penthouse. We will discuss “What does our ministry look like “ and “Our Mission Statement”. There is a need for a team of 2 or 3 people to pull everything together at the end. Some ideas for this team could be Wendy Kinderman and Sara Bryan.

Ministry Reports:

1. **Outreach:** Still trying to fill the spots for Beacon House (August 24-26). If we can't fill them we will have to ask for help from Trinity. Community Table will be scheduled when the students return.
2. **Worship:** There will be a hymn sing on Wednesday September 13. This will be to help select hymns for the fall. Choir will be starting on

Wednesday August 30th – 2 weeks before the 1st Sunday worship. James Li applied for a \$1,000 scholarship through the UWEC Foundation. We will pay the \$1,000 at the beginning of each semester to the Foundation.

3. **Stewardship:** Greg showed the 12 month average using his “colorful charts”. We have to have goals – what can we look for down the road. We also need to check on attendance and compare attendance with giving. We are generally doing better than in 2016. This is year 3 of the ELCA Capital Campaign. They are at 61% of their goal. Our synod is also doing a 3 year campaign - \$1.2 million. The Stewardship Ministry will discuss this and decide what we can do. There is a Stewardship Workshop in Minneapolis at the end of the month. Pastor Lori would like to attend. It costs \$50 per person.
4. **Parish Life:** Had their first meeting: Kim, Wendy, Jill and Carol. The idea of Teams and Servers/Cleanup was discussed . Kim will do the first Wednesday night (pizza) and Wendy’s Team will do the 2nd Wednesday night. We need lots of plants for BOB (Blugold Organization Bash).
5. **Education:** We are going to get feedback from parents about Sunday School for the fall. With or without it, the Children’s sermon will continue. Reformation books will be available to purchase from Augsburg. Confirmation will begin in the fall with 3 students. We are trying to have Education for adults on Sunday also. Using Legos we hope to make the Luther Rose.

Pastor’s Report: Welcoming International Students – how can we do that? It starts with Host Families through the University. Pastor Lori order 3 DVD’s (free) on Muslim religion. She asked if there were questions of her about what she does with her time. When not in her office, she spends time visiting people on campus and at home.

Financial Report: Tara presented her report.

1. Income for July: \$12,901.76
2. Expenses for July \$10,411.47
3. Surplus for July \$ 2,490.29

President's Report: No report – President out of town

New Business: Looking at Web Sight – to improve it. Some ideas for the Newsletter: have a column what tells about the University and have an Alumni column.

Old Business: The signs on the building are still a work in progress. The “All Ministries Meeting” will be on the 1st Thursday of the month. The first meeting will be September 7th at 6:00 P.M.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed together for our closing. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary