

4.15.18 Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 11:14 A.M. in Room 101 Hibbard Hall. The opening prayer was given by Pastor Lori.

Action Items:

1. The Secretary's report was presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report.
2. Andrea presented a motion to grant an exception to rule C17.04 to allow ULC constitutional updates into conformity with the Model Constitution of the ELCA as most recently amended at the August 2016 Churchwide Assembly. The motion was accepted. No discussion. She also moved to adopt all the changes in the 2016 Amendments to the ELCA Model Constitution to be incorporated into the ULC Constitution. (Nearly all of these amendments are "required" changes.) C9.15 "ordained" to "of Word and Sacrament" and C12.04 added words "Evangelical" and "America" in (a.) and changed "pastor" to "rostered minister and staff" in (d) and added "their...employment". Everyone was in favor.
3. **Election of council members:** We have a full slate of candidates. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations unanimously. The following people were elected to the **Church Council:**
 1. President – Kim Stien
 2. President Elect – Sue Diel
 3. Secretary – Karen Eisenbarth
 4. Worship – Linda Erickson
 5. Education – Chuck Gavin
 6. Outreach – Pat Wojcik
 7. Stewardship – Gary King

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

1. Elecia Oleson
2. Greg Granlund

Audit Committee (three-year term):

1. Sue Diel

Nominating Committee:

1. Jacob Gapko
2. Julie Poquette
3. Steve Erickson

Presentation of motions to return to capital membership

1. Greg explained what has happened with the Transition Team. A motion was made (no need for a second because the Council had already accepted it. The motion was for commitment of ULC to ERC membership. The motion was accepted - no discussion.
2. A motion for dedication of funds and approval of payment and associated procedures was explained by Greg Granlund. Once again no need for a second.
3. Tom asked to amend the motion and not to have the President's name listed – just the title. A motion was made and seconded to accept this.
4. Andrea went over the Financial Status of ULC. We are in good financial position to reapply for membership to the ERC. Discussion was held and the motion passed.

Presentation and Consideration of leadership structure change:

Pastor Lori explained the possible change. There will be 3 ministries: worship, welcome and serve. Education will be separate: it will have 2 coordinators and volunteers. The other ministries will have 2 elected student leaders and 2 appointed ULC members. This will all take place on one Wednesday evening /month. Council will be 5 elected members: President, President-elect, Secretary & 2 at large. Advisory: Pastor and Financial secretary, non-voting roles. In order to do this we would have to suspend Chapters 12 & 13 of the Constitution for 24 months. At the end of that time, we adopt changes or automatically revert to former structure. Evaluations happen at the end of each semester for continued development of the plan. This would be done to allow for flexibility. Kim talked about his concern to this change. Andrea, Carol Rudd, & Linda spoke in favor.

Anthony Windau said that students want to be involved in ULC. This would help to empower them.

Tom Bryan spoke to suspend specific By-Laws as well as Chapters 12 & 13 of the Constitution. You only need one meeting to change By-Laws.

The only people who vote are the ones who have been elected – not the volunteers (workers).

The 5 Ministry people would not go to Council – only if they want to do so. They would do their Ministry work. The Council would supervise the Ministries and each Ministry would provide a written report for the Council. The Council will also decide the Members at large. This is an experiment - so we will see.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend Chapters 12 & 13 for 24 months. Motion passed. Another motion was made and seconded to move forward with this proposed change. This also passed.

Reports:

1. Ministries: A motion was made and seconded to accept the written reports of the five ministries: Worship, Education, Parish Life, Outreach, and Stewardship.
2. Foundation: Jacob reported that the Foundation provided financial support to the congregation with a gift of \$14,500 in 2017. Also they awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Mikayla Kopp for her third year at Wartburg Seminary, and a \$1,000 scholarship to Rene Mehlberg for her fourth year at Luther Seminary. The Foundation balance of accounts increased to \$482,494.74 at the end of 2017. The balance in 2016 was \$433,421.73.
3. Audit: The Audit Committee consisted of Suzie Slota, Jill Granlund and Linda Erickson. Linda reported that everything was fine. A motion was made and seconded to accept their written report.
4. Financial: Tara presented the financial report as of December 31, 2017. Account Balances 12/31/17 - \$144,592.92 A motion was made and seconded to approve her report. Everyone was in favor.

Pastor's Report:

Besides the written report presented by Pastor Lori, she also thanked the congregation for our support. This is her 24th year in Ministry.

New Business: Sue Diel Thanked Tara for all her work as Financial Secretary.

Old Business:

_ Andrea Gapko was also thanked for all the work she has done for University Lutheran.

A closing prayer was given by Pastor Lori and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:45 P.M. The Council met for the purpose of setting up their next meeting as a new Council.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary