

ULC Council Minutes
May 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 6:30 p.m. in the ERC library. The following members were present: Kim Stien, Pastor Lori, Sue Diehl, Karen Eisenbarth, Chuck Gavin, Gary King, Carole Rudd, Anthony Windau, and Pat Wojcik. The following members were absent: Linda Erickson and Grace Johnson. Pastor Lori led a bible study which focused on the many and varied gifts which members contribute in the completion of mission, and council members shared the gifts they hope to bring to our work. Pastor Lori then led us in an opening prayer. The secretary's report for April 8, 2018 was reviewed and approved as written.

Action Items

1. Review instructions for counting the offering: Sue Diehl reviewed the instructions for counting the offering. Two counters are required for each Sunday, and usually, either Sue or Greg Granlund will fill one of those positions. A posted schedule has been drawn up through August, and Sue requested that if we are unable to count on an assigned Sunday that we enlist a substitute. She further asked that we double check the holiday week-ends to be sure that we are available if assigned.
2. Office computer update: Sue Diehl reported that she spoke with John LeBrun regarding the purchase of an office computer and that he is searching for a place to purchase the needed equipment at a discount.
3. Request for return to Capital Membership letter: The letter of application requesting a return to Capital Membership has been completed. It will be delivered this week, along with all of the itemized materials requested, to Anthony Bourget, President of Ecumenical Religious Center, Inc.
4. Decide council members and ministry members: Action taken at ULC's annual meeting in April provided for a new mission structure to be implemented this spring, which will be evaluated for effectiveness at the end of each semester. The council will consist of five elected members: President - Kim Stien, President-Elect - Sue Diehl, Secretary - Karen Eisenbarth, and two at-large members. The two at-large members appointed are Gary King and Anthony Windau. Pastor Lori and Financial Secretary Greg Granlund will also serve on the council in advisory, non-voting roles.

Mission will be led by leadership teams consisting of two elected student leaders and two appointed ULC members. The elected and appointed members of each team are as follows: "Thankfully Worship" - Zach Rau, Andrew Thompson, Linda Erickson, and Jill Granlund; "Gracefully Welcome" - Anthony Windau, Carole Rudd, Claire Granlund, and one Freshmen student to be appointed next Fall; "Joyfully Serve" - Sarah Mueller, Kathy Rolefson, Pat Wojcik, and Sara Bryan; "Learn and Grow" - Adult Education Coordinator, Chuck Gavin and Youth Education Coordinator, Elecia Oleson. Each mission leadership team is asked to submit a brief e-mail report about their current activities to the council prior to their meetings.

5. Attendance requirements of Council members serving on ministry teams: The four ministry team leaders will meet together once a month for planning purposes. The ministry team leaders are not required to attend meetings of the council. However, their presence at council meetings is welcomed and their input valued.

Ministry Reports

“Gracefully Welcome” - Carole stated that Finals Hospitality Week is upon us, and she still has a sign-up sheet with slots to fill for hosting and/or bringing food. Several sub-teams have been formed within this group; sub-teams will facilitate the planning for a specific event, such as BOB in the Fall or Wednesday night meals.

“Joyfully Serve” - Pat reported that serving at Community Table and Beacon House will likely be continued, though the three day commitment at Beacon House seems to be increasingly difficult to accomplish. It is particularly hard to find volunteers to do the overnights. An enterprise is being locally planned to supply college students with appropriate clothing for job interviews; there is a possibility that we could get involved in this effort.

“Learn and Grow” - Chuck stated that their ministry team is arranging a presentation by Julie Carr, who is the director of Campus Harvest; hopefully, this will be a joint presentation with Newman. It was also reported that the ELCA is proposing a new statement on Women and Justice which addresses contemporary needs. A congregational meeting will be held to discuss this proposed statement.

Transition - As previously noted, application to return to Capital Membership in the ERC has been made, so Greg is hopeful that this group will not have need to meet again! Currently, Rick Olson is ULC’s one non-voting member on the ERC Board; if ULC’s application is accepted, ULC will need to select two voting members who will serve three year terms on the ERC Board.

Pastor’s Report - Pastor Lori reported that pianists need to be recruited for the summer months of June, July, and August. Pianists are scheduled through the end of May, and Andrew Thompson, the recently elected LSA vice-president, will take over in the Fall.

The word from Father Dan is that there will be no further discussion at this time regarding possible changes in Sunday morning’s worship schedule. Further, the ERC was notified that Garfield Avenue will be closed as of May 21, and that there will be no access to the ERC parking lot for the months of June, July, and August. Father Dan is hoping for further clarification from UWEC regarding accessibility issues. During the summer months, Sunday parking will be available in the Hibbard parking lot, and the pathway behind Hibbard can be used to access the ERC building. Wednesday morning “Bibles and Bagels” will likely need to find an alternate location during the summer months.

Sue Diehl is no longer eligible to serve on the audit committee, so a new member must be found for this group.

Pastor Lori asked that e-mails be checked regularly for council notes. She will also send out the letter and application materials pertaining to the Capital Membership application and a copy of the newly revised ULC Constitution.

Financial Report - Greg presented the April financial report, and it was reviewed by the group.

Total April Income:	\$14,861.71
Total April Expenses:	\$12,381.30
Total April Surplus:	\$ 2,480.41
Year to Date:	\$ -6,987.84

Sue reported that signatures will need to be changed on several banking items in order to conduct business. The council decided that Kim Stien, Greg Granlund, Andrea Gapko, and Sue Diel will be the signatories on the various accounts and will be authorized to conduct ULC’s financial business.

President's Report: See Action Items

Old Business: None

New Business: An appropriate graduation gift is being considered for Grace Johnson who will be off to Madison in the Fall. A suggestion was made to purchase a gift card at the UW Madison Book Store.

The council will meet next at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25. The ministry teams will meet next for planning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27.

Pastor Lori led us in a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary