

ULC Council Minutes
June 25, 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 Diel, Karen Eisenbarth, Greg Granlund, Gary King, and Pat Wojcik. The following member was absent: Anthony Windau. Pastor Lori led a bible study based on Mark 6: 6-12, referencing the passage designated as "The Mission of the Twelve." Through discussion, it was determined that the passage reveals that God will never leave us alone in our attempts to do mission and will provide what is needed to accomplish the tasks at hand. Pastor Lori requested prayer concerns from the group and then led us in an opening prayer. The secretary's report was reviewed and approved, as corrected.

Action Items

1. Update on offering counters: Everything is going well so far. Again, individuals should try to find a substitute if we are unable to count on an assigned Sunday and be especially aware of the assigned duties on holiday week-ends.
2. Update on search for office computer: Sue Diel reported that she has not received word from John LeBrun regarding any possible computers available for purchase. It was noted that it would probably be wise to take action on this purchase over the summer when it is less busy during the absence of most of the students. Gary King knows of a source where practically new machines can be purchased at a good cost value, and he will investigate this further.
3. Update on Transition: Our application to return to Capital Membership in the ERC is currently awaiting action by the Bishop of the La Crosse Diocese.
4. Guidelines for appointment of possible ERC board members: If ULC's application for capital membership is approved, ULC will have two voting members on the ERC board. At present, there are no term limits for the individuals on this board. In the past, ULC's board members have been nominated and appointed by the council, and the group felt that ULC should establish term limits for our representatives and that their terms of service should be staggered so that both members would not need to be replaced at the same time. In the past, the ERC board met four times per year but have tended to meet much less frequently in recent years. A discussion followed regarding the qualifications needed by ERC board members. If the capital membership decision is made soon, some possible board member candidates should be under consideration.
5. Ministry meeting night: The Ministry teams will meet on Wednesday evening, June 27.

Ministry Reports

"Thankfully Worship" - Linda Erickson reported that their ministry has not met since May when the new student members were added. She also stated that she is currently unsure if ULC will have any responsibilities regarding the Interfaith gathering in September which will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church. To assist her transition into this ministry, Linda also plans to meet soon with Julie Poquette.

"Gracefully Welcome" - No Report

"Joyfully Serve" - Pat Wojcik reported that the next two scheduled weeks for hosting at Beacon House will be the weeks of August 26 through September 1 and November 4 through 10. Pat thanked all who helped with the hosting in May. Personnel from Beacon House will make a presentation on a Wednesday night in the Fall, aimed at informing students about the work there and encouraging their participation in those efforts. ULC is currently not on the calendar to serve at Community Table, though there are certainly times when servers are

needed, if we choose to become involved. The “Hike for the Homeless” will be held on September 29, and a “God’s Work, Our Hands” Event will be held on October 14. On that day, volunteers will assemble at Trinity Lutheran Church and will then go out to work on various projects in the community. The extraordinarily high numbers of meals served during the spring finals hospitality week prompted a discussion regarding other ways that student food needs could be addressed. Helping with Campus Harvest is possible, as is applying for grant funding for outreach offered by The Northwest Synod of the ELCA. Any funding obtained could be used to feed students in other venues.

“Learn and Grow” - Chuck Gavin reported that a Sunday morning adult forum is being planned to address the request from ELCA headquarters to respond to the church’s recently drafted statement on Women and Justice. The ministry hopes to schedule this forum on one of the Sundays in July. Six women recruited from the congregation, representing a diverse spectrum of age, background, and occupation, will read the draft statement and respond with a personal perspective. Comments and questions from those in attendance will then be welcomed and encouraged.

Pastor’s Report - Pastor Lori reported that Kay Scharn, Carter Smith, and the Klezmer Band will fill ULC’s need for accompanists during the summer months. Having just returned from a successful conference with 120 other campus pastors, Paster Lori plans to be here for the balance of the summer, with the exception of attendance at a conference in August. She will be here on the week-ends. As she begins her third year at ULC, Pastor Lori is pleased with ULC’s direction and feels that things are going well. She noted that thirteen students will graduate next year, so we all must seek out and welcome the new faces who will step up to assume leadership roles.

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

Total May Income:	\$8,411.11
Total May Expenses:	\$11,581.65
Total May Deficit:	\$ 3,170.54
Year to Date Deficit:	\$10,158.16

President’s Report: See Action Items

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The Council will meet next at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 23. The group prayed together the Lord’s Prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Eisenbarth