

ULC Council Minutes
March 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 6:30 p.m. in the library at the ERC. The following members were present: Kim Stien, Pastor Lori, Sue Diel, Karen Eisenbarth, Chuck Gavin, Greg Granlund, Gary King, Carol Rudd, Anthony Windau, and Pat Wojcik. No members were absent. Anthony Windau led the group in the exercise of intentional prayer. Each person shared with the group a high point and a low point in his/her life during the preceding week. Then each person offered an individual prayer for the needs of the person sitting to their left. Kim Stien's secretarial report of the February 11 council meeting was approved as written.

Action Items

Membership List Access and Availability - A list of ULC members with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses will be compiled in a directory format and distributed to all members for their use. Kim will speak with Sara Bryan about how to best accomplish this task; concerns about privacy will preclude putting such a list on ULC's website.

Protocol for Snow Cancellation and Other Emergencies - The cancellation protocol established during "Horrendous February" appears to have worked smoothly. ULC will need to set up an account with WEAQ during the week prior to an emergency, in order to have our cancellation announcement broadcast on their event listing. It was felt that if UWEC cancelled school during the day that ULC's nighttime events should be cancelled as well.

Nominating Committee for 2019 - The members of ULC's 2019 nominating committee, who were elected at last year's annual meeting, have begun their work. The committee members are Jacob Gapko, Julie Poquette, and Steve Erickson. The annual meeting will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14. Jill Granlund and Linda Erickson will be asked to complete an audit of ULC's finances prior to the meeting. The group discussed which individuals need to prepare a brief written report for the meeting. The list includes Pastor Lori, Anthony Windau, who will report on the activities of the LSA, as well as the four ministry chairs, Linda Erickson, Chuck Gavin, Pat Wojcik, and Gary King. Greg Granlund will also present a brief financial report. Reports should be submitted to Sara Bryan by March 31.

Summary of Stewardship Program - Following a period of intentional emphasis on stewardship, twenty-five families elected to make a financial commitment to the ministry of ULC. The pledged offering total for 2019 is \$116,000; the pledged offering total for 2018 was \$96,000. This represents a 20.7% increase in 2019.

Computer Purchase Status - Lori has spoken with John Le Brun regarding the best place to purchase a new computer. An upgrade on this office equipment is needed and will be done.

April Council Meeting - The next meeting of the ULC council will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8. Convening prior to ULC's annual meeting will provide the opportunity to check on the progress made by the nominating committee to fill a slate of candidates and to finalize any preparations needed for the meeting.

Ministry Reports

"Thankfully Worship" - A written report was submitted by Linda Erickson. The ministry met on February 13 and discussed ways to expand the volunteer lists to serve as greeters, readers, assisting ministers, and altar guild members. Sara Bryan will be asked to solicit volunteers via the March newsletter. Sunday worship on May 5 was discussed. On that day, both the Synod Assembly and the Eau Claire Marathon will be occurring at UWEC during our regular service time; an alternative plan for worship will be finalized at the March meeting.

“Gracefully Welcome” - Carol Rudd reported that sign-ups for Wednesday night meals are largely completed for the remainder of the spring semester. A few slots remain open in the late spring. Planning will soon begin for Finals Hospitality Week.

“Joyfully Serve” - Pat Wojcik stated that ULC will be serving at Beacon House on April 11 through April 13. Pat also reported that churches are being asked to serve there a couple of extra days during the summer months, and a decision will have to be made regarding whether or not to make this additional commitment. It was suggested that perhaps Kelly Christenson, the Beacon House Director, could speak at ULC and explain the operation and needs of Beacon House. Information and awareness seem to spur interest and volunteer efforts. The collection of items for Campus Harvest continues.

“Learn and Grow” - Chuck Gavin reported that 14 people attended the first Lenten study on the Penitential Psalms and had a great discussion. The study will continue following worship on the Sundays of Lent.

Financial Report - Greg Granlund presented the February financial report, and a complete report will be filed with these minutes.

Total February Income	\$8,216.41
Total February Expenses	\$13,985.12
Monthly Deficit	\$5,768.71

Pastor's Report - The council approved five individuals for ULC membership. They are as follows: Dave and Joyce Anderson, Katie Hackworthy, Dawn Kuehl, and Brian Weichmann. Their membership will be celebrated next Sunday.

Pastor Lori has been asked to serve as an intern supervisor for a detached site; this intern will be serving in Rock Falls and Durand. Pastor Lori's responsibilities will involve meeting regularly with the intern, as well as observing her leading worship and preaching twice during the year of her internship. Any other training or conferencing will occur during the week and would not impact the schedule at ULC. Pastor Lori is hopeful that her intern could also lead worship at ULC on a couple of occasions, so that she could be observed in a different congregation. Pastor Lori is eager to be a part of the intern program, and the council gave its approval.

President's Report - See Action Items

New Business - None

Old Business - Another architectural opinion has been offered that the ERC balcony can continue to be used as it has been in the past in perfect safety.

Pastor Lori led the group in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary