

ULC Council Minutes
April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room at the ERC. The following members were present: Kim Stien, Pastor Lori, Sue Diel, Karen Eisenbarth, Linda Erickson, Chuck Gavin, Greg Granlund, Gary King, Anthony Windau, and Pat Wojcik. Pastor Lori led a bible study based on Luke 5, verses 1-11, a familiar passage which recounts Jesus calling the first disciples to be fishers of men. Individuals shared their views of how the passage speaks personally to them, and then, as a group, individual prayers were offered for all congregation members. The secretary's report of the March 11 council meeting was approved as written.

Action Items

Membership Directory - Sara Bryan will prepare a reformatted membership directory on 8x10 inch sheets of paper for distribution to all ULC members. The directory will contain names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses; the document will state that it has been compiled for the personal use only of congregation members and is not to be used for mass distribution purposes. The directories will require only two or three pages to contain the entire list.

Report from 2019 Nominating Committee - Jacob Gapko reported that the list of 2019 nominations to serve on ULC's church council and other elected positions will be revealed at the annual meeting on April 14. Linda Erickson, who is currently involved in ULC's financial audit, suggested that at least one person with an accounting background should be among the individuals nominated to serve on the auditing committee.

Annual Meeting Agenda and Preparation - It will be explained at the annual meeting that during the past year, ULC has functioned as a nine member council comprised of three officers, two at large members, and four ministry chairs. Each of the nine is a voting member. This structure will continue in 2019, while also considering how the group could feasibly be made a bit smaller, perhaps seven individuals. The view was offered that if the two at large positions were eliminated, the result would be a seven member council. It was also stated that the ELCA requirement for student representation on church governing boards is probably more than met by ULC's college executive group, and a student member on the council may not be necessary.

The annual report booklet contains written reports from each of ULC's four ministries led by Linda Erickson, Charles Gavin, Carol Rudd, and Pat Wojcik; LSA president Anthony Windau; ULC council president Kim Stien; and ULC Foundation chairman Jacob Gapko. Pastor Lori's written report emphasizes all aspects of stewardship at ULC. The audit committee will present an oral report at the annual meeting, as will Pastor Lori and Jacob Gapko, regarding the ULC Foundation. Greg Granlund will be there to answer any questions members might have regarding financial matters.

Computer Replacement - No action has been taken regarding a possible future computer purchase.

Worship on May 5 - Since both the Synod Assembly and the Eau Claire Marathon will be occurring at UWEC that day, the following alternative worship plan was presented. An LSA worship team will lead worship and preach at Immanuel Lutheran that Sunday, and ULC members are cordially invited to attend that service.

May Council Meeting - President Elect Sue Diel will schedule next month's council meeting, after consultation with the newly elected council.

Ministry Reports

“Thankfully Worship” - Linda Erickson reported that a written report of ministry activities has been sent to Sara Bryan for inclusion in this year's annual report. The ministry also requested that the council consider the following increases in salary for pianists who serve ULC: (1) Sunday morning pianist, raised from \$35 to \$40 (2) Wednesday evening worship pianist, raised from \$10 to \$20 (3) Choir rehearsal pianist, raised from \$15 to \$20 and (4) Non-student substitute pianist, raised from \$35 to \$55. It was also proposed that these salary increases be made retroactive to February 2019. A motion was made to enact these increases, and to make them retroactive to last February; the motion passed. Pastor Lori announced that Andrew Thompson will be able to continue in his pianist role in the next fall semester while he is completing his student teaching, and that Leah Will has been hired as the pianist for the summer months.

Gracefully Welcome” - ULC will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor Lori's Ordination with her and her family on April 28. A brunch is being planned at Davies Center following worship that Sunday, and further details will be forthcoming.

“Joyfully Serve” - Pat Wojcik reported that some helpers are still needed to cover ULC's service at Beacon House at the end of this week. Most of the food needs have been covered, but two slots remain for overnights on Thursday and Friday. The overnight stays are increasingly hard to fill. Pat also noted that the “God's Work, Our Hands” event is scheduled for next September.

“Learn and Grow” - Expressions of thanks were given to Chuck Gavin for his leadership of the excellent Lenten study of the Penitential Psalms. The study was very well attended throughout the entire five weeks.

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

Total March Income	\$11,545.97
Total March Expenses	\$ 8,443.09
Monthly Surplus	\$ 3,102.88

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lori stated that she has asked Father Dan for a copy of the annual ERC financial report. She encouraged attendance at ULC's annual meeting on Palm Sunday.

It was also announced that the worship services on Palm Sunday and Good Friday will feature bible story-tellers who are students from both ULC and Newman.

President's Report - See Action Items

New Business - None

Old Business - None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary