

ULC Council Minutes  
May 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Diel at 6:33 p.m. in the library of the ERC. The following ULC council members were present: Sue Diel, Karen Eisenbarth, Katy Hackworthy, Audrey Jaenke, and Gary King. No council members were absent. Other ULC members present were: Pastor Lori, Linda Erickson, Greg Granlund, Carol Rudd, and Pat Wojcik. Pastor Lori led a bible study based on Luke 10, verses 1-11, "The Mission of the Seventy." In this passage, Jesus sends out seventy followers, in pairs, to visit places that he himself was unable to go. The passage speaks to Pastor Lori because ULC has seventy members too; we could be these followers of Jesus! Praying in a round robin style, the group offered individual prayer for all congregation members. From a sheet explaining our mission structure, the group read together ULC's guiding principles. Those in attendance then introduced themselves.

New Business - Action Items

Approve new account signers - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve four account signers; they are as follows: Sue Diel, Andrea Gapko, Greg Granlund, and Audrey Jaenke. The signature cards will now be updated.

Offering counter options and scheduling - It was suggested, in the interest of transparency, that non-council individuals could also serve as offering counters. After discussion, it was decided that for now the counter list will continue to be comprised of council members and ministry chairs, with Greg Granlund and Sue Diel continuing in their supervisory roles. Greg and Sara Bryan will draw up a counting schedule to cover the next few months; individuals are asked to find a substitute if they are assigned to count on a Sunday when a conflict exists.

Council retreat - Pastor Lori believes that a council retreat could help the group become better acquainted. At a retreat, the group would have adequate time to evaluate our mission efforts in the past and establish goals for what ULC wants to accomplish over the next year. ULC is also overdue to complete a Quadrennial Review for campus ministry, and this exercise might also help with evaluation and goal-setting. A one day event of six hours which would include a meal is being considered. Pastor Lori will send out an e-mail regarding possible dates.

Old Business - Action Items

Review mission structure - Pastor Lori briefly discussed a prepared sheet which explains ULC's current mission structure. The council is currently composed of 5 voting members who are as follows: President, President-elect, Secretary, and 2 at large members. The Pastor and Financial Secretary serve in advisory, non-voting roles. At the moment, there is not a high school or college student serving on the council, though there is a recent college graduate in at large member Katy Hackworthy. It was felt that because of ULC's unique existence as an organized congregation in support of campus ministry that students are always intricately involved in the congregation's mission, and that the synod's intent of encouraging student participation is

adequately met here. If a need arises for Pastor Lori to plead our case to the synod in this regard, she will do so.

Currently, the three ministry chairs (“Thankfully Worship”, “Gracefully Welcome”, “Joyfully Serve”) are welcomed at council meetings, though their attendance is not required, and they serve in non-voting roles. Linda Erickson, Carol Rudd, and Pat Wojcik, the three chairwomen, concluded that they are happy with not being required to attend council meetings and are not disturbed at being non-voting participants. As long as they are welcome to attend all council meetings if they wish and make their views known, and the council seeks their input in planning and decision making, the three are happy with the current organizational structure. It was decided that the council secretary will record the attendance or absence at council meetings of the 5 voting members only. After recording their presence or absence, all others present at the council meeting will be listed.

Computer update - Sara’s Bryan’s office computer has been successfully updated, which will eliminate the necessity of replacing this piece of equipment in the near future.

Secretary’s Report - The secretary’s report of the April 8 council meeting was approved as written. It was decided that as soon as Karen made corrections to the minutes of the annual congregational meeting on April 14, those minutes would be forwarded to the five voting members of the council.

Financial Report - Greg Granlund presented the April financial report, and a complete report will be filed with these minutes. The financial report was accepted and shows the following:

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| Total April Income   | \$17,580.88 |
| Total April Expenses | \$15,135.86 |
| Monthly Surplus      | \$2,445.02  |

Greg also presented a graph which tracked a continuing twelve month average of giving at ULC, over a ten year period between the years of 2009 and 2018. A copy of this graph will also be filed with these minutes. Greg further noted that the interest earned from the bank account created to contain the “buy in, buy out” funds involved in ULC’s recent return to ERC capital membership will need to be placed somewhere. It was decided to keep these funds in a separate account which could also be used and enhanced to cover possible future building expenses.

#### Ministry Reports

Pastor’s Report - Pastor Lori announced her plans to read a book or two of the Bible together as a congregation during the summer months. The books of Ruth and Esther are being considered. Pastor Lori is also pondering how adult congregation members could be aided in conducting meaningful one-on-one conversations with students. A focus on effective communication with students could enhance ULC’s mission efforts. She noted the many upcoming graduation activities during the month of May, as well as her vacation times over the summer. She asked that possible contributions to the Synod Offering and the Century Fund be considered.

President’s Report - See Action Items. Sue announced that she and Pastor Lori intend to meet regularly.

“Thankfully Worship” - Linda Erickson announced that an Interfaith Prayer Service will be held on September 25. She also stated that the ministry team made the decision to purchase copies of the liturgy, “Now the Feast and Celebration”; this liturgy has been used previously, but ULC has never owned its own copies. Linda expressed appreciation to the council for previously approving pay increases for musicians. In addition to those increases, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to raise the salary of the choir director, effective in the 2019 fall semester, to \$20 per rehearsal.

“Gracefully Welcome” - Carol Rudd thanked everyone who contributed to making the Wednesday evening meals a success throughout the past year. A snow-free “God’s Work, Our Hands” event is being planned for September 29, 2019.

“Joyfully Serve” - Pat stated that ULC will serve at Community Table on June 23. This May, Feed My People is celebrating a major expansion of their efforts to combat hunger in the region. A time capsule is being designed which records the history of efforts to fight hunger here, as well as how the hunger problem will be addressed in 2032.

“Learn and Grow” - Pastor Lori reported that Elecia Olson will continue to supervise the youth portion of this ministry’s work, but the council will need to appoint an individual to provide leadership for adult education activities. She asked that the council consider possible names and bring them to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the ULC council will be determined when a possible date for a council retreat becomes clearer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 by reciting together the ULC Mission Statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary