

ULC Council Minutes [*amended*]  
August 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Diel at 11:22 a.m. in the library of the ERC. The following voting members of the council were present: Sue Diel, Audrey Jaenke, Karen Eisenbarth, Katy Hackworthy, and Gary King. The following non-voting members were present: financial secretary, Greg Granlund, Pastor Lori Ruge-Jones, and ministry chairs Jill Granlund and Carol Rudd. The meeting began with the sharing of “Highs and Lows” from the week, prayer, and reading together ULC’s guiding principles.

New Business - Action Items

Discuss council member replacement - Council member Katy Hackworthy has accepted a new job which will necessitate a move to Minneapolis at the end of August, so the council will need to appoint a new member. Several names were suggested, and it was suggested that a person with a university connection might be a good choice. Sue will speak with Jacob Gapko regarding other names of possible candidates who might have been considered in last spring’s election. The person who is appointed will serve until ULC’s 2020 Annual Meeting and could then be a candidate for election to the church council.

Century Club fund drive - The council will begin logistical planning for the fall Century Club drive at the September meeting. Funds raised in this drive will be used to pay for ULC’s portion of the cost of upcoming window replacement.

Old Business - Action Items

Review goals established at council retreat - The council reviewed the goals established at the July retreat and noted how these goals could fit into the work of ULC’S four ministries. A discussion was then held regarding the three Bible stories which were proposed as possible themes for ULC’s work in ministry at this time. After consideration, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to use the story of Peter’s Vision in Acts 10 as our mission theme. The story emphasizes being grounded in a faithful past, yet open to new things that God is doing or will do. It stresses being oriented toward the future for mission.

Pastor Lori stated that the goals listed in the “Other” section of her goal summary sheet from the retreat constitute the areas which the council needs to keep front of mind as we currently carry out mission at ULC. One of those goals is completion of the Quadrennial Review, and to that end, Pastor Lori will contact the regional coordinator who will help start this process during the fall.

Secretary’s Report - The secretary’s report of the July 14 council meeting was approved as written.

Financial Report - Greg Granlund presented the July financial report, and it was accepted by the council. The complete financial report for July will be filed with these minutes.

Pastor’s Report - Pastor Lori reported that it has been very difficult to contact Campus Harvest personnel this summer, so she is proceeding with the idea of purchasing crockpots and grocery

cards for distribution to students. These purchases will be funded by the \$2000 private donation designated for “positive action.”

Planning continues for the celebration on October 13 of the eighty-fifth anniversary of LSA. A room has been reserved in the Student Center for a brunch, and a program about LSA history is being considered for the brunch. There will be a guest pastor that Sunday, and Elecia Olson and Jacob Gapko are working on promotional posters.

ULC will host the Interfaith Prayer Service on September 25. Pastor Lori is looking for students to lead the prayers.

Work on the balcony is nearly complete. A small amount of carpeting and a final clean-up of the area will finish the effort.

An effort is being made to improve the ERC’s internet service. To this end, three bids have been submitted for this work; Pastor Lori and Father Dan are working together on this project. Also, ULC and Newman are working toward development of a single new sound system which both congregations will use cooperatively.

Pastor Lori gave the council some background information on Stephen Ministry and stated that she is considering starting a group at ULC.

Ministry Reports - The four ULC ministries will meet on Wednesday, August 28.

“Thankfully Worship” - No Report

“Gracefully Welcome” - Carol Rudd stated that planning continues for the “God’s Work, Our Hands” event scheduled for Sunday, September 29 and that individuals should soon be able to sign up to work at the many and varied activities which are being developed. She discussed some of the projects, including installing smoke detectors for needy families. The detectors would be provided by a Red Cross program.

“Joyfully Serve” - Pat Wojcik, via written report, stated that this ministry continues to work with “Gracefully Welcome” to prepare for “God’s Work, Our Hands”. The “Hike for the Homeless”, which will take place on Saturday, September 28, will be considered a part of the Sunday event. The ministry plans to set up a lemonade stand on the upper campus on August 31, when the students return to campus and are moving into the dorms. Pat also announced the dates that ULC will be serving at Family Promise in 2020. The dates are as follows: February 23-29; August 16-22, and November 1-7.

“Learn and Grow” - Jill reported some of the results from the survey completed by members about the type and variety of educational activities to be offered by ULC; the survey also dealt with various scheduling options for these activities. She stated that the hour following Sunday worship was the most popular time for activities and that theology was the most popular subject. On-line discussions were not a popular option. Jill said that people were interested in speakers from the university and that honorariums would need to be provided if this option is selected.

The next meeting of the ULC Council will be held on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. with the ULC Mission Statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary