

ULC Council Minutes
October 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Diel at 6:35 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the ERC. The following voting members were present: Sue Diel, Audrey Jaenke, Karen Eisenbarth, and Gary King. The following non-voting members were present: Pastor Lori Ruge-Jones, and ministry chairs, Carol Rudd and Pat Wojcik. The meeting began with Bible study of Peter's Vision in Acts 10. Pastor Lori led the group in prayer, and ULC's guiding principles were read aloud together.

New Business - Action Items

Review progress on goals for 2019-2020, developed at the July council retreat - Progress on some goals is occurring, but the council must have the goals in the forefront of our minds throughout the year, and not simply at year's end.

Budget status - The annual ULC budget meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8. The four ministries are asked to consider their budget needs for next year, and the four ministry chairpersons are asked to submit their figures to Greg Granlund, Gary King, and Sue Diel by October 25.

Old Business - Action Items

Council member replacement - Sue Diel reported that she is in the process of making contact with the possible candidates suggested at last month's meeting. One person refused the position, and a second hasn't given a definite answer as yet, though this person already fills a position at ULC which involves considerable time and responsibility, so there is a strong possibility that this response could be negative as well. Contact has not yet been made with the third candidate.

Century Club fall drive - Gary King and Greg Granlund plan to have a draft of a fund-raising letter ready by the November council meeting. It should then be possible to have the letter out by the end of the month. Newman might be willing to share letters that have been sent in past campaigns, as well as lists of letter recipients when the entire ERC held a joint Century Club drive.

Quadrennial Review - Pastor Lori announced that the plan going forward is to complete the Quadrennial Review in January. The presence of the students is not required for the process, and the individual who will be traveling here to help us

complete the review can be here at that time. Two campus pastors from outside this area will conduct the interviews involved in the process.

ULC Constitution review project - ULC's current structure for mission will be explained in depth at the annual budget meeting in December, so that congregation members can make an informed decision next spring at the annual meeting regarding whether to make the current mission structure permanent and to adjust ULC's constitution to reflect the changes. The committee charged with the responsibility of drafting the proposed constitutional changes (Sue Diel, Audrey Jaenke, Andrea Gapko, and Pastor Lori Ruge-Jones) will meet soon. One item to be decided is whether to retain a church council composed of five voting members or to enlarge the group to seven voting members. Discussion revealed that there are pros and cons for both group sizes. It was noted that 5 voting members equals 10% of our worshipping congregation. Under the current mission structure, the four ministry chairs are not required to attend council meetings, and the view was expressed that this has resulted in some break down in communication.

Secretary's Report - The secretary's report of the September 9 council meeting was approved as written.

Financial Report - The financial report for September was prepared by Greg Granlund and delivered to council members via e-mail. The financial report was accepted and will be filed with these minutes.

Ministry Reports

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lori reported that 27 crockpots, 44 food gift cards, and \$500 were delivered to Campus Harvest and the CVTC Food Pantry to be given to students who are in need of them. Seventeen of the food gift cards and \$200 were given to the CVTC Food Pantry, and the remainder of the gift cards and money went to Campus Harvest. These gifts, used to alleviate food insecurity on our local campuses, were made possible by the \$2000 gift, given to ULC with a call for "positive action", following the deaths involving Girl Scout Troop 3055. Pastor Lori also stated that Campus Harvest always welcomes donation of personal care items and that men's dress clothes and shoes are especially needed.

Pastor Lori would like for consideration to be given to hiring two part-time staff positions which would be filled by students. One position would be involved in developing programming, and one would be related to work in communication and technology. Each of these two student staffers would probably work about ten

hours per week. Students are generally paid \$7 to \$9 per hour, so her thinking is that each position would cost about \$2,500 per year.

“Thankfully Worship” - This ministry will be involved in a search for a new pianist in the second semester because Andrew will graduate in December.

“Gracefully Welcome” - Carol Rudd stated that though Wednesday night meals have been covered thus far, sign-up has been a bit of a struggle. She said that she would continue to use a paper sign-up sheet, in addition to the sign-up availability online. Some Fellowship Sundays will be planned soon.

“Joyfully Serve” - Pat Wojcik reported that the “God’s Work, Our Hands” event at the end of September was a success, with lots of yellow shirts on display. Approximately \$20,000 was raised on the Saturday “Hike for the Homeless.” Eight adults and six children will be at Beacon House when ULC serves there at the end of this week. After this week, ULC’s next scheduled service at Beacon House will be December 12 -14.

“Learn and Grow” - There will be a Bible study following the worship service on October 27.

The next ULC council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with the ULC Mission Statement.