

Prairie Lakes Association of the SD Conference of the United Church of Christ
Fall Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 8, 2017 – Tulare UCC

The Prairie Lakes Association met for their 2017 fall meeting on Sunday, Oct. 8th, hosted by Tulare United Church. Registration began at 2:30 pm with refreshments and fellowship.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord with the SD Conference Minister, Rev. Gordon Rankin, giving the message. Holy Communion was served. A special recognition and thank you gift was presented to Rev. Rankin.

WELCOME/ROLL CALL

A welcome was given by PLA Moderator Julie Roesch and the meeting was called to order with a “thank you” to Tulare United Church for hosting the meeting. Roll call was taken and representatives shared “life giving” happening in their churches. Registrations showed 15 churches, 14 registered delegates, 7 visitors, & 11 clergy present.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL

The minutes from the Spring Meeting were read. **A motion was made (M/S: Pastor Rosanne Anderson/Rev. Jim Uthe) to approve the minutes of the PLA 2017 spring meeting. Motion carried.** A printed Financial Report was reviewed showing a balance in the checking account of \$8,730.74. **A motion was made (M/S: Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord/Juanita Esser) to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONFERENCE/PLA BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

On behalf of the Board of Director’s – Pastor Jankord spoke briefly about the September 8th gathering of the SD, IA and NE UCC Conference Boards to meet Rev. Brigit Stevens and vote on recommending her for the position of Executive Conference Minister to the Tri-Conference. A special meeting of the SD Conference will take place Saturday, Oct. 14th in Chamberlain for all authorized clergy and delegates to meet and vote on Rev. Stevens. The 2018 SD Conference Budget will also be discussed and voted on. Carmen Gill, Conference Bookkeeper and Registrar, will be retiring the end of January 2018. She was also in charge of the Media Resource Center, which will be officially closed the end of December. A tentative date to celebrate with her is January 14th. Details will be made available when finalized. A video was presented by the ECM Search Committee and then a video featuring Rev. Stevens.

Carrie Hansen submitted a printed report from the Committee on Ministry.

Rev. Enno Limvere provided a printed report for the Mutual Ministries Work Camps. A thank you was extended to all who contributed this past year to help fund the work in Little Eagle, but there was a request for continued funding of around \$5,000 to help replace the roof next year.

Rev. Sara Olson-Dean reported on the Student Intern Program, stating that materials are ready to be sent out to seminaries and the deadline date will be bumped up to Feb. 15th, which will give applicants a better chance at finalizing their summer employment/plans. Revs. Tim & Ginny Adams will continue as Intern Mentors. **A motion was made (Rev. Tim Fugman/Rev. Marjie Brewton) to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.**

A printed Proposed Budget for 10-2017 through 09-2018 was presented and reviewed. **A motion was made (M/S: Rev. Tammy Toepke-Floyd/Rev. Tim Adams) to approve the budget. Motion carried.** The printed Nominating Committee report was presented. There were no other nominations from the floor. **Rev. Fugman moved to accept the report as presented - no second was required. Motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Those present were asked to think about a person from their church that they believe would be a good fit and interested in serving on a newly formed Task Force on Disabilities along with Ben Anderson, the coordinator.

Pastor Jankord shared that the PLA Clergy would like to have a retreat before Lent next year and asked if \$500 could be designated to assist with the lodging expense at the Prairie Retreat Center. **A motion was made (Juanita Esser/Carrie Hansen) to move \$500 from the S.I.P. fund to the General Fund, being designated for the clergy retreat. Motion carried.**

Rev. Rankin reviewed briefly several clergy transitions in the state, 6 of which are in the PLA. There will be a Retired Authorized Ministers gathering at 1st Congregational UCC in Sioux Falls on Oct. 18th starting at 11am. He will be conducting a Boundary Training for Authorized Ministers in Pierre on Oct. 23rd. The Fall Youth Event at Placerville will be November 10-12th with a theme “Engage: Faith Is Not a Spectator Sport”. The Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Yankton 1st Cong. UCC May 4-6, 2018 and the keynote speaker will be the UCC General Minister and President John Dorhauer. The West Central Regional Youth Event will be held at Grinnell College in Iowa, June 19th-22nd.

ALL the events listed above are very important so please share this info with all members of your church and encourage participation.

After reviewing the offering received, there was a total of \$650. - \$150 was designated to the PLA Work Camps and \$500 was designated to the UCC Disaster Ministries Fund.

<u>Door prizes:</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>GIFT FROM</u>
	Sheryl Kloss, Tulare	Tulare United Church
	Rev. Tammy Toepke-Floyd, Redfield	Barnard Community UCC
	Kay Sandquist, Brentford	Columbia UCC
	Rev. Sara Olson-Dean, Wessington Springs	Ipswich UCC
	Leone Schultz, Tulare	Aberdeen Plymouth UCC
	Mary Uthe, Castlewood	Bryant Union UCC
	Roberta Eisenbeisz, Aberdeen	Erwin UCC
	Donanne Fugman, Barnard	Clear Lake UCC
	Gary Sandquist, Brentford	Brentford UCC
	Carrie Hansen, Brentford	Brentford UCC
	Rich Jankord, Tulare	Templeton UCC/Wessington Springs UCC
	Rev. Tim Adams, Aberdeen	Redfield UCC

The Spring PLA Meeting will be hosted by the Clear Lake 1st Congregational UCC on April 8, 2018, and Aberdeen Plymouth UCC **tentatively volunteered** to host the Fall PLA Meeting on October 14, 2018.

Rev. Rankin offered a prayer for dinner and a delicious meal, prepared by the Tulare United Church, was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,
Donanne Fugman, PLA Registrar/Treasurer