

ULC Council Minutes  
July 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 6:30 p.m. in the ERC library. The following members were present: Kim Stien, Pastor Lori, Karen Eisenbarth, Greg Granlund, Gary King, and Pat Wojcik. The following members were absent: Sue Diel and Anthony Windau. Pastor Lori led a bible study focused on Mark 10:13-16, a brief passage in which Jesus pointedly and publicly welcomes children into God's grace, even though many in society considered them as weak and unimportant. By welcoming the children, Jesus demonstrates how the kingdom of God really works; it is a gift of grace and is open to everyone. In seeking the relevance of this passage to ULC, perhaps the college students are our "children", and we must seek to remove all barriers which prevent them from seeing Jesus in this place. Pastor Lori led us in an opening prayer. The secretary's report of the June meeting was approved as written.

#### Action Items

1. Update on Transition: The Bishop of the La Crosse Diocese has approved ULC's application to return to Capital Membership in the Ecumenical Religious Center. There will be a meeting of the ERC Board on August 29, when hopefully the process will be formally closed, and a buy-in check will be presented. It is hoped that the occasion can be marked in some way during our various joint Fall activities with Newman.
2. Appointment of two members to the ERC Board - Two ERC Board members from Newman will resign in order to make places for two voting members from ULC. It was decided to ask Rick Olson and MJ Brukardt to serve as ULC's representatives on the Board. Rick will be asked to serve a two year term, and MJ will be asked to serve a three year term, so that their terms of office will not end at the same time. These two will be presented as our Board members at the August 29 meeting.
3. Piano replacement - Since the old piano in the sanctuary has a cracked soundboard, a new one will be purchased. The new piano will cost about \$10,000, and \$2,800 has been offered in trade-in for the old piano. No special fund-raising will be needed to make this purchase because enough money exists in the ERC fund to cover the expenditure.
4. A crack has been discovered underneath the balcony in the ERC sanctuary. Architects and engineers who have been consulted maintain that the balcony is structurally sound, safe, and its integrity intact. At this time the cost of a project to "shore up" the balcony is not known; therefore, an architect will be contacted to provide an estimate. When the cost of such a project has been determined, the ERC Board will decide whether to proceed with the work.

#### Ministry Reports

"Thankfully Worship" - No Report

"Gracefully Welcome" - No Report

"Joyfully Serve" - Pat Wojcik reported that there are plenty of volunteers to prepare food, serve, and clean up at the Community Table on Sunday, July 29. ULC's next dates to help out at Beacon House will be August 26 through September 1. The week of July 29 through August 4 is an "open week" at Beacon House, which means that no churches are signed up to assist. If anyone is able to volunteer time or help provide food, it would be much appreciated. Pat and Carole Rudd plan to meet to coordinate the work of the two ministries they lead. A bake sale to benefit the Community Table will be held on September 13. People are asked and

encouraged to donate baked goods for this effort. A party to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Community Table will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. that day. Used clothing is sought by "King's Closet", which provides attire for college students for job interviews, etc.

"Learn and Grow" - At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5, the ELCA's recently drafted statement on "Women and Justice" will be discussed in an adult forum. Six women recruited from the congregation will read the draft statement and then respond with a personal perspective. Comments and questions from those in attendance will then be welcomed and encouraged.

Financial Report - Greg Granlund presented the June financial report, and it was reviewed. The complete financial report will be filed with these meeting minutes.

Total June Income:	\$8,097.52
Total June Expenses:	\$11,516.55
Total June Deficit:	\$3,419.03
Year to Date Deficit:	\$13,407.62

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lori reported that she is using the summer for advance planning for the Fall return of the students and that she has communicated via e-mail with many of them during the summer. Rather than holding one large joint monthly meeting, the three ministry teams will meet individually with Pastor Lori during the month of August. Memorial funds given in honor of Marjorie Rudd have been generously donated to ULC by Tim and Carole Rudd.

President's Report - See Action Items

Old Business - None

New Business - None

The Council will meet next at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 20. After closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary