

ULC Council Minutes  
September 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 11:15 a.m. in the ERC library. The following members were present: Kim Stien, Pastor Lori, Sue Diel, Karen Eisenbarth, Linda Erickson, Chuck Gavin, Greg Granlund, Gary King, and Anthony Windau. No members were absent. Pastor Lori led the group in an opening prayer. The secretary's report of the August meeting was approved as written.

#### Action Items

1. First meeting of new ERC Board - The first meeting of a newly composed ERC Board, with three members from Newman and two from ULC, along with Father Dan and Pastor Lori, was held on August 29. ULC's application to return to capital membership was formally accepted, along with a buy-in check. ULC still feels a need to mark this event in some way.
2. Update on balcony repair - Consensus has not yet been reached regarding what, if anything, should be done in the balcony. It has been decided, at this time, to limit the capacity of the balcony to 70 persons. If the usage patterns of the balcony were to change, it would likely necessitate some structural enhancement. Two groups of architects and engineers have already evaluated the situation in the balcony, and more individuals will be consulted in the future. The issue will be revisited at the next ERC board meeting.
3. Piano fund raiser - Sue Diel reported that \$3,250 has been raised thus far, and that additionally Tim and Carol Rudd will be generously designating approximately \$1,300 from Marge Rudd's memorials to the piano fund. It is hoped to raise the necessary \$6,000 by the end of October. To that end, Sue will talk to Sara about designing a visual to demonstrate to the congregation the progress being made toward the goal. It was also decided to make weekly announcements regarding the amount of money raised.
4. Wednesday night Ministries Meeting - The concept of a common meeting night for the Ministries of ULC debuted in September. Anthony Windau was in attendance and reported that, though there seemed to be a bit of overlap in the discussions of the ministry groups, the meeting went smoothly and well. Linda Erickson stated that she liked having a common meeting time on Wednesday evening and being able to touch bases with others involved in the work of ULC's ministries.
5. Picnic with Newman - The joint picnic with Newman was great, even though too many hornets crashed the party! Perhaps they thought the outdoors was theirs or something. The folks at Newman are supremely efficient at organizing these activities and always have many volunteers to help. ULC probably just needs to be there with offers to help, and they will likely find themselves involved. Perhaps a joint Thanksgiving service might be a good time to celebrate the work we do together here.

#### Ministry Reports

"Thankfully Worship" - Linda Erickson reported that this ministry has met twice since the August meeting of the ULC council. The group is planning the service of Confirmation, which will be on Reformation Sunday, October 28. Arrangements for flowers, gifts, and cake for this special day were discussed. The group discussed several ideas for special worship services in the upcoming months. These ideas included a Pet Blessing service, a Healing service, a Camp service, and a Reconciling in Christ service. Some ministry members plan to participate in a service project on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, 10/14/18.

"Gracefully Welcome" - Carol Rudd reported that this ministry met on Wednesday, September 19, and that the start of classes has coincided with many activities. The hot dog welcome and the ERC picnic were well attended, and 175 plants were distributed at the BOB event. Anthony

Windau felt the BOB provided an especially good opportunity to make students aware of ULC's presence on campus, and that the LSA is trying to find more ways to accomplish that goal. Wednesday night meals are in full swing, and the use of sign-up genius, while slow to start, is now going well. Meals are scheduled through October 17. The ministry is also planning two church receptions in October; one reception will be for UWEC alumni on Homecoming weekend, October 7 and the other for ULC confirmands on October 28. We will soon celebrate thirty years as a Reconciling in Christ Community and will be present, along with the LSA, at the National Coming Out Day on campus, October 11.

"Joyfully Serve" - Service opportunities in the upcoming months include: September - Hike for the Homeless on September 29; October - God's Work, Our Hands on October 14; November - Beacon House on November 8, 9, and 10.

"Learn and Grow" - Chuck Gavin reported that efforts continue to schedule Julie Carr, who heads "Campus Harvest" to present at an adult forum. A joint event with Newman has turned out to be extremely difficult to schedule, so at present, the ministry hopes to schedule her appearance on a Sunday morning following ULC's worship service. The ministry is developing ideas for other adult forums, and any input from ULC members in this regard will be appreciated.

Financial Report - Greg Granlund presented the August financial report. Greg noted that the August financials reflect two synod deposits. August offerings were up significantly, and a complete financial report will be filed with these meeting minutes.

Total August Income \$18,458.56  
Total August Expenses \$10,327.58  
Total Monthly Surplus \$8,130.98  
Year to Date Deficit -\$10,640.82

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lori reported that the first two busy weeks of the school year have gone well, and that she felt that the summer provided ample reflective time for her to feel prepared and organized for the uptick of activity in the fall. She noted that, though we are not seeing many new students on Wednesday night as yet, she is still meeting new people on Sunday mornings. The council will be asked to approve ULC's confirmands at the October meeting, prior to the Confirmation Service on October 28. Pastor Lori stated that pastors from the Dairyland Conference came to UWEC to learn about campus ministry; she hopes to do more of this kind of information sharing. Attendance at worship was up in August.

President's Report - See Action Items

Old Business - None

New Business - The budget for 2019 needs to be prepared and readied for presentation to the congregation at a meeting in December. Pastor Lori and Gary King will discuss how the budget for next year will be approached. December 2 is being considered as a possible date for this ULC congregational meeting.

The Council will meet next at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22. The November meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 12. After Pastor Lori led a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eisenbarth, Secretary