

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at Ely United Methodist Church

Call To Order: Chair Dan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

Attendees (8): Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Don Iverson, Dan Johnson, Mark Olson, Donna Rusco, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson.

Opening: Pastor Craig spoke briefly about Psalm 86 how prayers show the reliability of God and the recognition of need for God by the supplicant. He then opened with prayer.

Minutes: The November 17 and 27, 2021 Ad Council minutes, as previously distributed via *Parish News*, were approved. Motion to approve by Linda Hane; second by Mark Olson.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Olson presented the November 2021 Treasurer's report. The current account balances are: General Fund \$37,616.95; Memorial Fund \$10,078.56; Building Fund \$7,059.04. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted, second by Linda Hane. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Trustees:** Mark Olson relayed that they are currently looking into the basement flooring replacement.
- **Worship:** Linda Hane reported that Advent activities are going well. Pastor Craig reported that he'll be posting a new Liturgist sign-up list for the first few months of 2022.
- **Outreach:** Jay reported the apartment trees have been put up in Pioneer, Sibley and Zenith. Once again there is only one tree in Pioneer at the ground floor. He also reported that all the trees are in pretty bad shape.
- **Visioning:** Rich Floyd had sent in the following report: The Visioning Committee met on December 9. The main discussion concerned the upcoming documentary movie/study *I'll Push You*, which is about a man in a wheelchair being pushed by his friend across rugged terrain for 500 miles in northern Spain. The movie highlights the meaning of friendship, generosity and vulnerability. Contingent upon agreement of Keith and Sheri, the discussion leaders, we will have two showings of the movie, one on Sunday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. and the other on the following Sunday at the same time. There will be one discussion period on each of the following Mondays at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be made available in the overflow room.
- **UMW:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the UMW Christmas Luncheon at the Grand Ely Lodge went very well with 27 women attending.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **New Year's greeting letter to all FISH addresses:** This letter will go out in early January. Pastor Craig will work on the greeting and news portion and Jeanne will work on the part about the ways to stay connected.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Benevolence Fund:** Pastor Craig reported that he'd had some conversations with the other ministers in town to learn more about handling ad hoc requests for help. Our church has had a petty cash fund to handle such requests but it is not used very often. It was thought that Ely

churches who are interested could perhaps work together to coordinate distribution. He said Tim Cook from the Ely Gospel Tabernacle is very knowledgeable and experienced in this area. Jay Tomlinson suggested that since we probably won't be doing the Gift of Giving again that perhaps we could have a couple special offerings each year for folks to donate monies to this fund. Pastor Craig will talk to Tim Cook to get more specifics ideas about how to proceed.

2. **KoWaKan Adventure (ministry of Camp Minnesota):** Pastor Craig reported that the UMC Annual Conference owns and provides basic staffing for this church camp that is off old Fernberg Trail but only during the busiest part of the season. They are asking for volunteers to help serve as camp "greeter/host" during the non-busy part of the season. It was felt there are probably several persons from our church who might be interested in this but need more information. Pastor Craig will work on getting more details of what would be required.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mark pointed out several **Christmas Cards** had been received and were posted on the main bulletin board.

Items of Information

1. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary