

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Thursday, February 8 at Ely United Methodist Church

Call To Order: Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

Attendees (13): Lucy Diesslin, Rich Floyd, Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Don Ingerson, Dan Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Keith Rue, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson, Chris Urbas, Tiffany Zemke.

Opening: Pastor Craig spoke briefly about seasons – our earthly seasons and our church seasons. He then opened with prayer.

Minutes: The January 19, 2022 Ad Council minutes, as previously distributed via *Parish News*, were approved. Motion to approve by Margie Olson; second by Mark Olson.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Olson presented the January 2022 Treasurer's report. Receipts were \$8,199; disbursements were \$11,504.37 which included our annual insurance, a fuel delivery, the bulk printing of bulletin "blanks" and the poinsettia bill which was not received until January. The current account balances are: General Fund \$40,693.78; Memorial Fund \$18,250.34; Building Fund \$7,335.86. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted, second by Rich Floyd. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Trustees:** Margie Olson reported that they have selected one of two types of flooring for the basement and are awaiting an expert to come and examine the existing floor to get recommendations before proceeding. Vicki Podominick has been coming in regular to do some extra cleaning. She has polished all the pews, vacuumed the pew pads and dusted the speakers and other items that needed it. Nick Wognum and Jer Niskala have been shoveling; we still don't have anyone signed up for March.
- **Pastor-Parish Relations:** Keith Rue conveyed a message from Sheri that the committee will be meeting on March 9.
- **Worship:** Linda Hane reported that the worship committee met and reviewed Christmas items in progress (see New Business) as well as plans for Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter. The confirmation class with Keith and Sheri Rue will be leading the Lenten Service on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Linda is taking care of ordering the palm branches for Palm Sunday. We'll be having lilies for Easter and a sign-up sheet will be needed for that.
- **Visioning:** Rich Floyd reported on the Zoom Fellowship activity held on Monday, February 7. There were only 8 participants, primarily folks from the weekly Zoom Bible study but it was declared to be a fun activity. Rich is going to try to set up another one within a couple weeks. The *I'll Push You* movie/study event is still tentatively planned for March 27/28 and repeated on April 3/4.
- **Education:** Chris Urbas reported that there will be two Sundays coming up when she will be out of town. She'll talk to Devon Luthens to see if she would be able to do Sunday School on those days.
- **Parish Care:** Tiffany Zemke asked for guidelines for her new role. Margie mentioned the medical devices in the church that would need to be monitored. Donna Rusco will be continuing to do shut-in phone calls and visits.
- **UMW:** Lucy Diesslin reported that the February pasty making had been cancelled with April currently still planned. We'll be discussing more details for the May Friendship Dinner at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Oil Candles for the Altar:** Jay reported that Margie Olson had determined that the current altar candle holders are not memorial items so Cathy Aldrich has purchased the oil candles.
2. **Technical Committee:** Jay Tomlinson reported that Mauro from Custom Theater installed a replacement for the Fellowship Hall TV and added a high quality surge protector. Mauro would like to meet with the Technical Committee to discuss sound system options. A date for that meeting has not yet been set.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Christmas Trees and Decorations:** Dan Johnson reported that a Giving Tree has been purchased that is much narrower. Gold garland & red ball ornaments have also been purchased. Jay Tomlinson mentioned that with the new Giving Tree and another donated Christmas tree we now have 8 Christmas trees in storage. We'll need to go through those and get rid of some. We also need to replace the cardboard storage boxes for the decorations with "mouse-proof" containers.
2. **Property sale next to the church on Camp St:** Margie Olson reported that the owner of the property next door had approached Pastor Craig to see if the church would be interested in buying it. There had been a fire and the house will need to be demolished. The property is a 51'x157' lot and has a current value for tax assessment of \$9,600. The Trustees feel it would be a good idea to purchase this property and use the land for extended parking if we can get it for \$12,000 or less. It isn't known what the owner will be asking. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we pursue the possibility of purchasing it. Second by Rich Floyd. Motion passed. Jay Tomlinson offered to meet with the owner and discuss the possibility.
3. **All-Nite Grad Party:** Mark Olson had received the request from the All-Nite Grad Party Committee requesting a donation. Margie Olson moved that we donate the usual \$50. Second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you letter from *Young Life* for our \$500 donation.

Items of Information

1. **Next Ad Council meeting:** March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM
2. **Audits:** The 2020 Audit was completed on February 8, 2022. The 2021 Audit will take place at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary