

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church
February 16, 2022 10-11:05 AM

President Lucy Diesslin opened the meeting at 10:04 AM with a prayer. We then had a unison reading of the UMW pledge. We had 7 people attending: Lucy Diesslin, Linda Hane, Beverly Johnson, Sharon Luthens, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco and Jeanne Tomlinson.

Minutes: The minutes from our January 19, 2022 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Beverly Johnson; second by Patty Rusco. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported that she had finally received a bill from BullsEye Cleaning for services from September through December for \$380. That was the only disbursement. Checking account balance is now \$2,697.43 and savings has \$16,598.06. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson to accept the report, second by Beverly Johnson. Motion passed.

President's Remarks: Lucy commented on a couple items she had read in the North Star District *Comment* newsletter. One item was the need for district officers. If anyone is interested, please contact Lucy for more information. She then read the article about the Emma Norton House that we support. It was started in 1917 to provide housing for rural women needing to work in the city. It has evolved to serving the homeless and is currently serving as housing for homeless single-parent families.

Old Business

- **Church Supplies & Basement large closets reorganization:** Jeanne completed a supplies inventory and compiled a list of items to be ordered with the help of Margie Olson on January 22. It was decided that reorganizing the closets and storage spaces as well as working out a supplies checking/ordering process would wait until after the new floor is done. Patty suggested that we think about installing tall closets with shelving where the current counter is and make use of that space to store all the items needed for serving foods in the Fellowship Hall. It was mentioned that Margie Olson had also suggested the same thing and that the Trustees are probably looking into that.
- **Friendship Dinner:** We had learned that Zup's is continuing with catering services so we discussed possibly doing that, but we agreed that it would be nicer to have a buffet at the GEL that wouldn't require extra work on our part for setting up, decorating and taking down tables. We decided on Wednesday, May 25, for our dinner starting at 5:30 PM. Jeanne will contact the GEL to get it booked. This dinner is open to all women and girls.
- **May Elections:** It was pointed out that we should still have our usual UMW meeting on the third Wednesday, May 18, so that we don't have to conduct any business at our Friendship dinner. Beverly, Jeanne and Sharon all said they are willing to continue in their current roles as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer so we'll just need to elect a President – or possibly Co-Presidents. Please be thinking about who we might approach for this role.

There was no New Business.

We adjourned the business meeting portion at 10:35 AM.

For our devotional study, we read Chapter 10 of our study book, *Attitude is Your Paint Brush - It Colors Every Situation*. This chapter was about having an “Attitude of Trust” about us being an instrument for God and allowing God to play “songs” of Forgiveness, Confidence and Victory in us.

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson
Secretary