

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Thursday March 17, 2022 at Ely United Methodist Church

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

Attendees (9): Rich Floyd, Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Don Ingerson, Dan Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

Opening: Pastor Craig read some excerpts from an essay called “Wonderous Love” from *when I Was a Child I Read Books* by Marilynne Robinson about Easter and Christmas being key events people want to hear about again and again and how both events left the world changed. He then opened with prayer.

Minutes: The February 8, 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 February 2022 Treasurer’s report. Receipts were \$9,989; disbursements were \$9,295.18. The current account balances are: General Fund \$41,387.60; Memorial Fund \$18,328.14; Building Fund \$7436.71. The General Fund includes and \$1,270 which has been received for the Benevolence Fund. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer’s reports as submitted, second by Rich Floyd. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Trustees:** Margie Olson reported the committee will mee on April 6. They are currently focusing on the following:
 - Basement flooring: the current flooring will need to be removed which will add to the cost.
 - Refrigerator/Freezer unit: the freezer portion is not working. Jay tried cleaning the coils but that did not work. Margie is calling Kerntz to get an appliance maintenance person to check it out.
 - Parsonage kitchen drain blockage: working to resolve this issue..
- Pastor-Parish Relations:** Pastor Craig reported that they’d met on March 9 and because of new members reviewed the PPR job description in the 2016 Book of Discipline. One thing they learned was that the PPR committee actually has the responsibility for filling the pulpit in the pastor’s absence. Pastor Craig has been taking care of this and working with the Worship committee. He mentioned he’ll be out of town on March 27 and June 12. Pastor Dana Thompson and Bev Johnson, respectively, will be the speakers on those dates.
- Worship:** Pastor Craig reported that the worship committee met on March 7 and talked about the Ash Wednesday service, the new oil candles having been installed, and plans for Holy Week. Palm branches have been ordered for Palm Sunday, there will be a sign-up for Easter lilies and there will be a Holy week service on Thursday, April 14 at 7 PM.
- Outreach:** Jay reported that he and Pastor Craig are still trying to resolve the problem with our camera that is preventing the worship service broadcast. This problem started suddenly with the March 13 service and is not yet resolved. We will broadcast from Pastor Craig’s laptop if not resolved by March 20.
- Visioning:** Rich Floyd is going to try to set up another Personal Anecdotes Zoom gathering this coming Monday, March 21 at 6 PM. The *I’ll Push You* movie/study event is now planned for April 24/25 and again on May 1/2 – two showings of the movie on consecutive Sundays with comparable study sessions on the following Mondays. There will be a light lunch of chili & cornbread immediately following the church service and the movie will be shown after that. It will be shown in the basement on the TV. The Monday studies will start at 6 PM and will be by Sheri & Keith Rue.

6. **UMW:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the primary topics for the meeting were the flooring, the refrigerator/freezer and the Friendship Dinner. The details will be in the UMW minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Property sale next to church on Camp Street:** Jay Tomlinson reported he had sent an email to the owner for a meeting to discuss the possibility but has not yet received a response. Dan Johnson offered to touch bases with the owner since he's a neighbor of theirs.
2. **KoWaKan Adventure – Updates on details for a camp “greeter/host”:** Pastor Craig reported that he'd received more details about what the “greeter/host” responsibilities would be and that he would share those with the people who have expressed an interest: Elton Brown and Vicki & Bob Beech.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mask Policy:** Jeanne moved that we suspend our mask requirement and leave it to individual discretion. Second by Margie Olson. Motion passed.
2. **Communion Service return to traditional form:** Jeanne moved that we return to our traditional form of Communion. Second by Linda Hane. Motion passed. It was mentioned that Jay & Dan have worked out a “traffic flow” diagram that they will share with the ushers.
3. **Offering method:** We are currently leaving the offering plates in a stack by the front door for people to drop offerings in as they enter or leave and all but one of the plates is brought forward during the Doxology. Pastor Craig expressed the thought that some people are not comfortable with having plates passed – feeling guilty if they don't put anything in the plate even if they've given at other times. There was no motion to change the way we are currently doing the offering other than having Pastor Craig mention that offerings may be put in any of the plates both before and after the service or may be mailed in or dropped off at the church at any time.
4. **Coffee Fellowship:** Linda Hane moved that we resume Coffee Fellowship starting with just coffee. Margie Olson seconded the motion and offered to do it for March 20. Motion passed. A sign-up sheet is needed for this but no one offered to take care of that.

Items of Information

1. The next **General Conference** will be held in 2024; our Annual Conference be in St Cloud on May 24 & 25, 2022.
2. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Thursday April 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM
3. The **2021 Audit** still needs to be scheduled.
4. **Pasties** will be on April 18-19; orders need to be in by March 31.
5. The **Glen Biebl Memorial Service** has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary