

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES**

**Thursday April 21, 2022 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, Carol Linneman, Margie & Mark Olson, Keith & Sheri Rue, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson, Tiffany Zemke

**Opening:** Pastor Craig talked briefly about the idea of nature vs. nurture referencing a book, *Accidental Preacher*, by Will Willimon.

**Minutes:** The March 17, 2022 Ad Council minutes, as previously distributed via *Parish News*, were approved. Motion to approve by Lucy Diesslin; second by Linda Hane.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark Olson presented the March 2022 Treasurer's report. Receipts were \$7,612; disbursements were \$9195.56. The current account balances are: General Fund \$39,804.04; Memorial Fund \$18,351.25; Building Fund \$7,487.66. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted, second by Carol Linneman. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Trustees:** Margie Olson reported the committee met on April 6 and discussed the following:
  - Basement flooring: It was determined that floor removal would be cost-prohibitive since there is asbestos so it will be a "floating floor" of connected vinyl tiles placed on top of the existing floor. The tiles will be glued down in the kitchen since that floor can be removed safely.
  - Refrigerator/Freezer unit: Margie had called in a repair person from the company that sold us the unit. He replaced the compressor, condenser, dryer fan and refrigerant. The UMW is covering the cost for the repair.
  - Next-door property: The owner sold the property to the neighbor on the east side. We may be able to approach the new property owner once we see what is being planned.
2. **Pastor-Parish Relations:** Sheri Rue stated the committee will meet in September.
3. **Worship:** Linda Hane reported that she'd heard a number of compliments about the Holy Week Thursday night and Easter Sunday services. Many felt that the confirmands had done a wonderful job in helping with the Holy Week service.
4. **Visioning:** Rich Floyd reported that the *I'll Push You* movie/study event for April 24/25 and May 1/2 is all set to go. He is also starting a section in *Parish News* with a single anecdote as a to get people interested in guessing who submitted it and then possibly offering their own anecdotes.
5. **Parish Care:** Tiffany Zemke reported that she and Devon are getting together to discuss some ideas.
6. **Memorial Committee:** Carol Linneman reported that the committee will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 9 AM. They have money earmarked for the Fellowship Hall floor project.
7. **UMW:** Lucy Diesslin reported that our Friendship Dinner will be at the GEL on May 25. We'll have a sign-up at the church started this Sunday. At our meeting we had discussed the refrigerator/freezer repair, the flooring replacement, the nursery/storage rework and the plans to begin the clean-out of the basement. We'll be starting that on April 28 at 9 AM.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Offering service review:** Margie Olson moved that we return to our former way of taking the offering by passing the plates. Second by Keith Rue. After some discussion the motion was approved.
2. **General / Annual Conference updates:** Jay will be attending the conference which will be held on May 24-25 in St. Cloud. Pastor Craig will not be attending this time because he is on vacation.
3. **Benevolence Fund:** Mark asked about next steps since we have now collected \$1,270 for the fund. Margie moved that we purchase \$50 cards, getting 4 for food from Zups and 4 for gas from the Clark station since you can get coupons that reduce the gas cost. Second by Sheri Rue. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Fellowship Hall floor replacement fundraiser :** The Trustees had moved that we start a fundraiser to raise \$15,000 to help cover the cost of a new floor in the basement. Second by Lucy Diesslin and Linda Hane. Motion passed. Jeanne will create a “thermometer type” poster to show the progress for the fundraiser. Sheri suggested that if we are short funds by the time we need them that we could perhaps do a free-will offering breakfast.
2. **Changes to the nursery:** Margie reported that the trustees have discussed a rework of the nursery to remove unused items – TV & stand, shelving, all the old and/or broken toys - that would make room for storing 4 of the aluminum racks but still keep the room available as a nursery. Covers would be made for the aluminum racks that are currently stored in the two closets in basement. Those closets could then have shelves added for storing items that are currently stored in the organ motor room.
3. **Food Shelf food distribution at our church/Northwoods Partners survey:** Pastor Craig met recently with Community Health representatives: Nancy Schwartz from the Ely Food Shelf and Lisa Porthan from Northwoods Partners. The Food Shelf is starting a new program with local churches which will allow for people to get food who may not be able to wait until the one week of the month that the Ely Food Shelf is open. We now have two tote bags with non-perishable food, one for a single person and another for two or more. We can hand those out to people in need and get their contact information to the Food Shelf which will then replenish the tote bags. Pastor Craig also mentioned that Northwoods Partners is doing a survey about local needs and copies will be available at the church this coming Sunday for those who are over 50 and willing to take it.
4. **Love Offering:** Jay asked Lucy to talk about the annual Love Offering. This is a special offering each church collects and turns in at the Annual Conference. It supports several designated mission areas. Lucy moved that we take the offering during the May 8 worship service and that we guarantee a minimum of \$150. Second by Sheri Rue. Motion passed.
5. **Honoring High School Seniors:** Margie Olson brought up that in the past we have honored our church graduating high school students with a special gift presentation during a worship service. Lauren Olson is our only senior this year. Margie is willing to make a blanket again. Pastor Craig will contact Lauren to find out a time that would work for her for the presentation.

## **Items of Information**

1. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Thursday May 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Keith Rue will be chairing the meeting and Sheri Rue will be taking minutes in Jay & Jeanne’s absence
2. The **2021 Audit** has been scheduled for May 9 at 6:30 PM.
3. Mike Haney Celebration of Life is at the GEL on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 7-9 PM.

4. **Pasty Report:** Total made: 829; Income \$5904; Expense: \$1843.20; Net:\$4060.80.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary