

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church
April 20, 2022 10-11:30 AM

President Lucy Diesslin opened the meeting at 10:03 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge and a prayer. We had 12 people attending: Lucy Diesslin, Pastor Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Carol Linneman, Beverly Johnson, Sharon Luthens, Crystal Nickerson, Margie Olson, Vicki Podominick, Donna Rusco, Janice Tessier and Jeanne Tomlinson. Margie Olson had brought a nice variety of muffins to share.

Minutes: The minutes from our March 16, 2022 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Linda Hane; second by Margie Olson. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid \$1,544.42 for the refrigerator/freezer repair and has some supplies expenses to pay out yet. The pasty income/expenses from the April 18/19 pasties will be settled shortly. The current balance in checking is \$811.01; savings had received \$8.19 in interest for a current balance of \$16,606.25.

Old Business

- **Friendship Dinner:** Jeanne reported that she had not yet received an answer to her request for menu options for our buffet Friendship Dinner on May 25. She'll follow up with Lindsay at the GEL and we'll have to figure out our choices from there. It was recommended we do the champagne chicken with wild rice and possibly meatballs, and a standard mixed salad with dressings. Jeanne will have a sign-up sheet for the event starting this Sunday.
- **Fridge/Freezer problems:** Margie Olson reported that she had contacted the company that had sold us the unit and arranged for a repairman. He replaced the compressor, condenser fan motor, filter/dryer and refrigerant.
- **Fellowship Hall Floor replacement:** Margie reported that we will be doing a "floating floor" of connected "tiles" since that can go over the existing floor. They had learned that removing the existing floor would be cost-prohibitive since it has asbestos. The only exception is the kitchen floor since that had been replaced previously so the current kitchen floor will be removed and the new tiles glued down. She showed us a sample of the rectangular tiles that will be installed and the possible color. She'll be requesting approval from the Ad Council for a fundraiser to bring in about \$15,000 which will be needed in addition to existing funds in the Building Fund and designated Memorial Funds for the project that is estimated to cost about \$25,000. We all agreed that the UMW should contribute funds towards this project.
- **Nursery/Storage changes:** Margie brought up an idea that the trustees have been discussing about reworking the nursery and storage areas to remove a lot of items currently stored in the nursery that are no longer used (old TV and stand, broken & unused toys, the corner shelving, etc), get covers for 4 of the aluminum racks that are used for pasties and store them in that area, then add shelving to the two closets where two of those racks are currently stored so that many of the pasty items and fellowship supplies stored in the organ engine room could be made more accessible. We agreed this would be a good idea.

- **Cleanout preparation for floor installation:** Margie also brought up the fact that we need to start cleaning things out of the entire basement area in order to be ready for the new floor installation which could be as early as June. It was recommended that people responsible for specific parts of the equipment and supplies should be present to ensure that items that are actually needed are not discarded, such as Prayer Shawls, Communion, Pasties, etc. It was suggested we put things that are no longer needed into an area in the basement and announce at church and in the *Parish News* that these items are up for grabs. Margie and Pam Turnbull will talk about setting a date to start doing this. April 28 and May 4 were suggested as possible dates.

There was no **New Business**.

We adjourned the business meeting portion at 10:50 AM.

For our devotional study, we read Chapter 12 of our study book, *Attitude is Your Paint Brush - It Colors Every Situation*. This chapter was about having an “Attitude of Ownership” about us having a sense of ownership in our personal faith and church ministries and recognizing God’s ownership of us.

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 10 AM. Jeanne Tomlinson will be out of town and will arrange for a substitute to take minutes.

Discussions ended about 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson
Secretary