

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Ely United Methodist Church**

**Call To Order:** Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**Attendees (11):** Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Don Ingerson, Margie & Mark Olson, Keith & Sheri Rue, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

**Opening:** Pastor Craig read Psalm 4:1&8 and pointed out how many psalms move through different emotions, such as this psalm that starts with supplication and ends in peace. Psalms tend to appeal to us because they cover the broad band of human emotions. He then opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes:** The May 19, 2022 Ad Council minutes, as recorded by Sheri Rue and distributed at the meeting, were approved after one correction (the time of the Sept 2022 meeting). Motion to approve by Margie Olson; second by Linda Hane.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark Olson presented the May, June, July & August 2022 Treasurer's reports. Receipts for each month were \$10,809.50, \$7,656.69, \$10,085.23, and \$8,487.70; disbursements were \$8,998.46, \$8,563.11, \$8,727.53 and \$7,770.82. The current account balances are: General Fund \$43,925.07; Memorial Fund \$13,158.55; Building Fund \$7,124.73. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted, second by Linda Hane. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Memorial Committee:** Carol Linneman had sent an email reporting that the committee had allocated another \$2,000 to the basement flooring project. This was in addition to the \$5,435 allocated in May. She also reported that we'll have Memorial Sunday in November.
2. **Trustees:** Margie Olson reported on the status of the basement flooring work which is almost complete. The bills paid to date come to \$29,805.09. This covers the asbestos abatement, flooring and installation, baseboard replacement, and trim and baseboard staining. There are still some additional bills expected. The amount collected for this project from our fundraising effort and designated memorial funds is \$25,905. (This does not include the \$2,000 the Memorial Committee just allocated.) There are still some additional bills to come. Jeanne Tomlinson mentioned that the UMW had committed to donate some funds to the project but had not yet determined an amount. Margie also reported that BJ Rusco will be coming in on Friday to handle the plumbing although he'll not be doing the toilet. We need someone to volunteer to handle this. The Trustees will meet next on October 5 at 6 PM.
3. **Pastor-Parish Relations:** Sheri Rue stated the committee is awaiting the MN Conference forms and will meet in October to complete those.
4. **Worship:** Linda Hane reported on the following:
  - **Liturgists & Ushers:** Liturgists have been signing up regularly. Ushers not so much. We'll do a "push" for these during the Worship services.
  - **Coffee Fellowship:** We'll resume doing Coffee Fellowship if we can get people to sign up. The church can provide store-bought goodies if someone doesn't want to do those.
  - **Sept 18 Worship:** Pastor Craig is on vacation on Sept 18 so Don Ingerson will be doing the sermon, Dick Taylor will be leading the various parts of the service and we have a liturgist signed up. We won't have a Children's Time.
  - **Christmas Decorating:** Decorating will be done on Sunday, November 20 after church with a "coordinated potluck" afterwards.

- **Christmas Eve Service:** This will be held at 5:30 PM again since that was well received last year. This is on a Saturday this year so we'll also have a regular church worship service the next day.
- 5. **Education:** Pastor Craig mentioned that he will be meeting with the children's parents/grandparents on Sept 28 and is hoping to recruit parents/grandparents to sign up with their child on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month to help the children become involved in parts of the worship service. He is also going to ask for parents/grandparents to sign up for leading Sunday School once a month to give Chris Urbas a break.
- 6. **Parish Care:** Tiffany Zemke and Devon Luthens had notified Pastor Craig that they would like to start putting "Health Tips" in the Sunday bulletins if there was room. We all agreed that was a great idea and that the tips should be included in the *Parish News* also.
- 7. **UMW:** Lucy Diesslin reported that Margie Olson will be the new UMW President. UMW will be meeting on September 21 at 10 AM and will discuss a donation to the basement floor project as well as the pasty production schedule for 2022-23. Jeanne mentioned that we had 30 women attending our May 22 Women's Friendship Dinner at the GEL and it went very well. The GEL staff did a wonderful job.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **MN UMC Conference disaffiliation discussion:** Jay had previously distributed to the Ad Council members a "Myths and Truths" document he had received from our DS addressing some of the concerns about the possible UMC "split" and churches disaffiliating from the MN Conference. We discussed implications but had no specific actions to recommend other than encouraging anyone in the congregation who has concerns to speak with Pastor Craig or someone on the Ad Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ely UMC church conference:** We need to set a date for our own annual church conference, which we normally do sometime in December. We decided on Wednesday, December 14.

### **Items of Information**

1. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Thursday October 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary