

The **UMW** at Ely United Methodist Church  
September 21, 2022 10-11:20 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:03 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge. We had 11 people attending: Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Gail Haney, Carol Linneman, Beverly Johnson, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco, Jeanne Tomlinson and Pam Turnbull.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May 18 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Beverly Johnson; second by Bonnie Berglund. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid the GEL \$822.58 for the May Friendship Dinner. This was significantly higher than expected since the dinners were quoted as costing \$19.95 per person and we had 30 people attending. The bill included a significant "banquet service fee" as well as the sales tax. It was suggested that next year we have participants pay more. Sharon had also finally received a bill from Bulls Eye Cleaners covering February through June for \$712.50, which she paid. She also paid their final bill of \$125. The current balance in checking is \$553.28; savings has \$16,614.53. She asked for approval to transfer \$1500 from the savings to checking to cover expected bills over the next couple of months. Patty Rusco moved that we do that and Bev Johnson seconded the motion. During the discussion it was suggested we transfer a much higher amount to cover anticipated additional expenses for the basement work. Patty amended her motion to transfer \$5,000; Bev seconded the amendment. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

- **Friendship Dinner:** Jeanne reported we had 30 participants; the costs had already been discussed. The consensus was that the dinner went well and all seemed to enjoy it.
- **Fellowship Hall floor replacement:** Margie reported that the new floor and new baseboards have been installed and the doors rehung. Margie and Lucy did some cleaning on Sunday after church; an even larger crew came in Tuesday morning and cleaned all the walls and window wells and heating registers. There is a crew coming in Thursday to move the heavy stuff back into place. As long as the dishwasher checks out for us, a number of women will come in Friday morning to wash all the dishes. Mark Olson will arrive about 7 AM to get the dish washing machine started heating; Carol Linneman will start washing at 8 AM.
- **Nursery changes:** Pam Turnbull reported that the corner cupboard in the nursery has been removed. Unfortunately, the cupboard caused the flooring to buckle but the plan is to store the empty aluminum racks along that wall and they will cover that part of the floor. We'll keep some nursery supplies in there but since it is rarely used we won't be keeping much. Jeanne requested we keep the small table since she uses it for pasties. We should probably keep some of the small chairs for times we might want special seating for a number of young children.
- **New devotional book:** Jeanne Tomlinson had looked into additional books by James W. Moore and found one that might be suitable: *Rich in the Things That Count the Most*. She ordered one copy of the book to have the group check it out. Anyone wanting their

own copy can order their own from Amazon or ask Jeanne to order a copy for them. The cost is \$16.

### **New Business**

- **Pasties:** After some discussion, Pam Turnbull moved that we plan to do pasties 5 times this winter: November, January, February, March and April. Second by Bonnie Berglund. Motion passed. Lucy Diesslin moved that we raise the price to \$8 since the product cost is going to be significantly higher than it was last year. Second by Carol Linneman. Motion passed. Jeanne stressed that we need to keep order totals to no more than 800.
- **Closet racks:** Margie had researched a couple types of metal shelving units to put in the two closets that housed the aluminum “pasty equipment” racks. She reported the kind we currently have for the dishes costs about \$400 each. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we get the same kind since those are quite sturdy and can be adjusted to different shelving heights. Second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed. Margie will take care of ordering them. Pam offered to put them together.
- **New church cleaner:** Nikki Dreschler has been hired to take care of cleaning the church each week. We’ll be paying her \$40 per hour.
- **Supplies:** Jeanne agreed to continue taking care of ordering standard supplies and will get a committee together once things are moved into the new arrangement to develop a process to track usage.
- **Supplies organization:** We’ll work on getting existing supplies moved into the new shelving and re-organizing the closets during the month of October.
- **Ceiling tiles:** It was noted that many of the drop-ceiling tiles in the basement are in bad shape. It was agreed that should be our next project.

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 10 AM.

We adjourned the business meeting portion at 10:55 AM.

For our devotional time, we read the introduction to the new James Moore book: *Rich in the Things That Count the Most*. The group agreed that we’ll continue with this book.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson  
Secretary