

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2022 at Ely United Methodist Church

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

Attendees (10): Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Rich Floyd, Craig Haberman, Don Ingerson, Carol Linneman, Margie & Mark Olson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

Opening: Pastor Craig showed a stack of all the political mailings he'd received in a week and talked briefly about we need to be good citizens of both God's kingdom and where we live, so be sure to vote!

Minutes: The September 14, 2022 Ad Council minutes were approved as distributed in the *Parish News*. Motion by Bonnie Berglund; second by Carol Linneman.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Olson presented the September 2022 Treasurer's report. Receipts were \$10,436.25, disbursements were \$7,369.41. The current account balances are: General Fund \$48,195.57; Memorial Fund \$13,110.71; Building Fund \$6,265.05. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, second by Rich Floyd. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Trustees:** Margie Olson reported the following:

- We need snow shovelers for this winter. Ger Niskala is having shoulder surgery so he won't be able to do it this time.
- Cunningham Electric has been approached to install a motion light in the parsonage garage.
- The next project for the basement is replacing the ceiling tiles. Bryan Rusco & Pastor Craig are in charge. This will be done next spring after pasty season. Carol Linneman has volunteered to paint the two poles in the basement after the ceiling tile work is done.
- BJ Rusco cleaned the furnace.
- The rain gutter on the west front of the church is leaking. Bryan Rusco will fix it.
- The outside entrance light has been cleaned by Mark Olson.
- Mark Olson will patch the hole near the floor on the north wall of the nursery.
- The parsonage garbage disposal is still causing problems with plugging the drain. Pastor Craig will just not use it as a temporary solution.
- Pastor Craig has purchased a new kitchen faucet and is working on replacing it since the old one doesn't work anymore.
- Huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the flooring project and for the awesome response to the \$15,000 fundraiser. Margie was very gratified to see how almost every church member participated in some way.
- The Trustees will meet next on April 5, 2023.

2. **Pastor-Parish Relations:** Pastor Craig reported that the committee is working on evaluations. He'll be meeting with Sheri prior to the next committee meeting scheduled for November 7.

3. **Worship:** Pastor Craig reported that advent decorating will be done on Sunday, November 20 after church with a "coordinated potluck" afterwards. The advent readers will be from the Sunday School families or Patty Rusco will coordinate other readers. Sue Germek is out of town for Christmas so Sharon Luthens will play. Sunday School families have agreed to provide ushering on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

4. **Visioning:** Rich Floyd reported that the committee did not meet this month due to a mix-up. He'll email the committee to set up a new meeting time.

5. **Education:** Pastor Craig reported that Dan Johnson had done a short acolyte training for the Sunday School students this past Sunday. Dan bought an advent wreath for the Sunday School.
6. **Parish Care:** Tiffany Zemke had asked about starting up “Health Tips” and wanted guidance on location & frequency. Jeanne moved that a monthly tip in the *Parish News* would be best. Second by Margie Olson. Motion approved.
7. **Memorial Committee:** Carol Linneman mentioned that Sunday, November 6 All Saints Day, would also be Memorial Recognition Sunday.
8. **UMW:** Margie Olson reported that
 - The basement closet shelving has been installed and crews will finish organizing & cleaning the basement before pasties.
 - We will be donating \$100 to the Northwoods Partners Festival of Trees
 - We would like to start up Coffee Fellowship again in November. The Memorial Committee will be handling it on November 6. Jeanne Tomlinson volunteered to put up a sign-up sheet.
 - We are doing a devotional study using the book *Rich in the Things That Count the Most*.
 - Our next meeting is November 16 at 10 AM.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Church Directory Project:** Our last church directory was done in 2015. Rich Floyd moved that we plan on doing a pictorial directory in 2023. Second by Margie Olson. Motion passed. Jeanne Tomlinson will contact the company we used last.
2. **Giving Tree:** Pastor Craig asked if we wanted to participate in this again, taking 15 Gift Tags. Margie moved that we do this. Second by Bonnie Berglund. Motion passed.
3. **Service hours:** Pastor Craig had been approached by someone in the community to see if we have any work that can be done to earn “service hours”. We suggested snow shoveling and helping set up the apartment trees if the snow shoveling doesn’t add up to enough hours.

Items of Information

1. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Thursday November 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM.
2. **Finance Committee meeting:** Tuesday, November 8, 5:30-7 PM
3. **EUMC Church Conference:** Wednesday, December 14 at 6 PM with Ad Council to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord’s Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary