

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 10-11:25 AM

Vice-President Donna Rusco opened the meeting at 10:06 AM with a unison reading of the UMW. Pastor Craig later offered a prayer for us as we proceeded with the meeting. We had 6 UMW members attending: Marge Forsberg, Linda Hane, Sharon Luthens, Paula Mattila, Donna Rusco and Jeanne Tomlinson. Pastor Craig also attended.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting were read and approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid \$320 & \$400 for November & December church cleaning, respectively. November pasties brought in \$6,546 with expenses of \$1,064.68 paid out. From the net, \$3,461.72 was transferred to the Building Fund and the UMW retaining \$1,419.60. She also paid an additional pasties expense of \$559.60 (a year's worth of "doggie bags"). Checking balance is \$3,826.92; savings balance \$11,628.88. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

### Old Business

- **Pasties:** Jeanne reported that we made 802 pasties and brought in about \$6400 for our January sales. We had smaller crews than normal for prep, production and cleanup. We'll emphasize the need for help again when announcing the February 20 & 21 pasties.
- **Prayer Shawls:** Donna reported that the Prayer Shawl cash & records have been transferred to the UMW. We had circulated a card for Joyce Mattila at the Christmas luncheon for people to sign to let her know we were thinking about her. Paula Mattila & Gail Haney took the majority of the prayer shawls and lap quilts that had accumulated to the Boundary Waters Care Center, keeping just a few for any immediate need that might arise.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** We had 21 attending the luncheon at the GEL on December 7. We all agreed that it went well. Special thanks to Paula Mattila who had taken care of the party favors that included a lovely quilted star ornament for each attendee and to Patty Rusco, Gail Haney, Linda Hane & Paula for a nice luncheon program.
- **Northwoods Partners Appreciation Reception on Nov 30:** None of those attending this UMW meeting had been able to attend and didn't know if anyone else did.

### New Business

- **Bible Study:** A UMW event will be held from February 28 to Easter called "Journey into Easter", based on a book titled *Bitter & Sweet*. It will kick off with a light lunch on Sunday, February 19, to be followed by a weekly study on Tuesdays at 6:15-8 PM, with one exception on Wednesday March 22.
- **Pasties:** February pasties will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Church Directory Calls:** Jeanne reported that Jay is hoping to work with Nick Wognum for printing and possibly a local photographer or two in getting pictures taken in order to produce a much delayed church pictorial directory. Jeanne asked for volunteers to help contact people on our current directory to get up-to-date addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. as well as permissions to include which information. Donna, Paula, Linda and Marge offered to help. We won't start contacting people until there's a more definite plan on the photography and production so that the information we collect will be as up-to-date as possible.

- **Church Camp Scholarships:** Linda reported that \$1300 had been donated to the church to be used specifically for providing scholarships for kids wanting to go to summer church camp. She suggested that the UMW could perhaps add some money to this fund. It was decided we need more information and costs and possible interest before determining any amount but the consensus was that this would be a good thing for us to do.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

We adjourned the business meeting at 10:30 AM.

For our devotional time, we read Chapter 3 of *Rich in the Things That Count the Most*. This chapter was about being “Rich in Church” and 3 reasons the author, James W. Moore, loves the Church: because it introduced him to (1) the Christian lifestyle, (2) the power of hope and (3) Jesus. We shared thoughts of what the Church has meant to each of us in our own lives.

Thank you, Linda, for providing cookies and preparing coffee in advance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson Secretary