

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10-11:30 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:15 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge. Seven UMW members were present: Lucy Diesslin, Linda Hane, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco and Jeanne Tomlinson.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January 18, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read. Motion by Linda Hane; second by Lucy Diesslin.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid \$320 for January church cleaning, and an expense of from Linda Williams' funeral luncheon. Checking balance is \$5,226.55; savings balance is still \$11,628.88. Additional funeral and pasty expenses are pending receipt of the bills from Zups. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted. Motion by Patty Rusco; second by Lucy Diesslin.

### Old Business

- **Bible Study:** Margie iterated information about the coming Bible Study called "Journey into Easter" based on a book titled *Bitter & Sweet*. Kick off is this coming Sunday, February 19 with a light lunch. The subsequent weekly study will be on Tuesdays at 6:15-8 PM starting with February 28, with one exception on Wednesday March 22.
- **Pasties:** Coming pasties will be on the February 20 & 21 and March 20 & 21.
- **Church Directory Calls:** Jeanne reported Eric Sherman will be doing our directory photos. Jay Tomlinson will work out details and a schedule with Eric and Nick Wognum. We'll start making calls once that schedule is determined.
- **Church Camp Scholarships:** Margie clarified that the \$1300 in donations mentioned in the January UMW meeting were actually donations to be used for Education. When Pastor Craig had discussed possible uses for the funds with Chris Urbas, she had suggested possibly using some of the money to help kids go to summer church camp. We're still awaiting more information about camp costs and possible attendees before discussing this further.

### New Business

- **Northwoods Partners Thankyou:** Margie read a thank you note from Northwoods Partners for our donation to the 2022 Festival of Trees.
- **Reimbursements for Bible Study Kick-off Luncheon:** There had been a suggestion to reimburse costs for the coming February 19 luncheon. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we reimburse the luncheon expenses; second by Patty Rusco. Motion passed.
- **Celebration of Life for Linda Williams:** Margie reported that we had about 60 people attend the luncheon after the funeral on February 4. Three committee members made sandwiches, five people served and Mark Olson & Jer Niskala were in the kitchen to run the dishwasher. As usual, additional church members stayed to help with the cleanup. All agreed the event ran smoothly.
- **Boundary Waters Care Center Donation:** In view of the financial issues currently being faced by our local nursing home, many churches are giving donations. Lucy Diesslin moved that the UMW donate \$1,000; second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Motion passed.
- **Supplies:** Jeanne reported that she had completed a rework of the Supplies Inventory List to accommodate all the changes made after the installation of the new flooring. She'd like to have

the Supplies Committee (Jeanne Tomlinson, Linda Hane, Vicki Podominick, Crystal Nickerson and Patty Rusco) meet to work out a process for regular inventory checking. We tentatively set a meeting date for Friday, March 17; exact time to be arranged later.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10 AM.

We adjourned the business meeting at 10:42 AM.

For our devotional time, Patty Rusco read Chapter 4 of *Rich in the Things That Count the Most*. This chapter was about being “Rich in the Power of Life-Changing Words” and how our words need to always be acceptable to God because they can change people physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Thank you, Margie and Linda, for providing goodies and preparing coffee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson Secretary