

**UMW Meeting at Ely United Methodist Church**  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 10 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:05am with a unison reading of the UMW pledge. Nine UMW members were present: Lucy Diesslin, Linda Hane, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco, Marge Forsberg, Bonnie Berglund, Vicki Podominick and Pastor Craig Haberman.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April 19, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read with one correction regarding the small tables which were requested by the pasty kitchen crew to alleviate the problem of people walking through the kitchen to bring dishes during pasty breaks and will also be used by the Celebration of Life committee in the kitchen instead of the 2 small wooden tables. Motion by Linda Hane; second by Marge Forsberg. Voted and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid \$806.25 for April through today for church cleaning and some of the expenses for Bob Lindholm and Al Soderfelt's funeral luncheons. Checking balance is \$6,111.26; savings balance is \$1637.13. Sharon Luthens purchased a \$10,000 9-month term CD at 4%. Motion by Lucy Diesslin and second by Vicki Podominick to accept the Treasurer's report. Voted and passed.

### **Old Business**

- **Church Camp Update:** Lucy Luthens went to camp this summer and was reimbursed out of the Church Camp Fund. Pastor Craig will talk to Ginni Nelson because Sadie also went to camp.
- **Church Supplies Committee:** Jeanne reported via email that she ordered supplies in August. There is now a "Supplies Needed" clipboard in the kitchen that can be used for people to make a note of items that need to be restocked. Some items will be restocked from supplies stored in the back closets, others will need to be purchased and/or ordered and the committee will take care of that.
- **Fellowship Hall Ceiling Tiles Project:** Bryan Rusco spearheaded the ceiling tile project along with Pastor Craig, Mark Luthens, Jay Tomlinson, Pam Turnbull, and Norm Rusco. Patty Rusco helped with clean-up. There are a few finishing touches to complete in the window wells and Bryan will do that.
- **May Friendship Dinner:** Held on May 17 at the GEL at 5 PM. We had 31 people attend and Joan Larson was our speaker who gave a testimony about her life with God.
- **Pasty Dough Roller Machine:** Margie contacted the Veterans on the Lake regarding their machine. They aren't going to sell it but offered it for us to use. Our group was not in favor of that right now. Patty Rusco is going to look into some options also. Discussion was do we really need to purchase a machine if we aren't sure how many more years we will be doing pasties due to our aging church.
- **Midwest Mission Kits:** As a congregation we put together 59 kits that Jay Tomlinson and Pastor Craig brought down to Annual Conference. It was agreed by the group that we definitely do another mission next year for Annual Conference.
- **Small Tables:** Margie will buy two tables, either 4ft pr 6ft to be used for pasties and in the kitchen when we serve for funerals (instead of using the small wooden tables).
- **Rolling Cart:** Jeanne Tomlinson ordered a rolling cart and Norm Rusco put it together. It is needed for hauling the meat during pasty making.

- **Celebration of Life:** Margie Olson reported that the committee served 40 people for Al Soderfelt's funeral on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The family purchased meat and cheese trays and UMW provided chips, pickles, cookies, lemonade, water and coffee.

**New Business :**

- **Mission for knitted/crocheted baby hats:** Margie was approached by Susan Laine to see if our church would be interested in helping to make baby hats. Susan didn't have all the specifics and never got back to Margie so we will table until she gets back to us. A few of the ladies present said they may be interested.
- **Pasty production schedule:** Motion was made by Lucy Diesslin and seconded by Donna Rusco that we make pasties in October, January and April. Voted on and passed. Margie will bring this to the Administration Council on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Journeys with the Messiah:** Patty Rusco asked if UMW would pay for the refreshments that will be served at the Bible Study. Motion by Sharon Luthens and second by Bonnie Berglund that we cover the refreshment costs. Voted and passed.
- **Air Conditioner:** On July 28<sup>th</sup> the air conditioner quit working and Margie Olson contacted BJ Rusco who came immediately and said the system was too old to be worth fixing (if we could even get parts) and he got a quote to her and the Trustees voted to get a new AC. It is now installed and working great. The money to pay for the AC came out of the Building Fund and the Electrician will be paid out of some designated memorials.
- **Lawn Care Account:** In May of 2021 a donation of \$700 was given to the building fund for Lawn Care and flowers. That fund is now depleted. Lucy Diesslin made a motion to donate \$500 to the Lawn Care Acct, second by Bonnie Berglund. Voted and passed. Sharon will write a check to the building fund.
- **Prayer Shawl Committee:** Donna Rusco resigned from the prayer shawl committee. Paula Mattila and Gail Haney now make up the committee. We are still in need of more small crosses that are stitched onto the prayer shawls. Patty Rusco will look into getting some.

At 11:00 AM Patty Rusco made a motion and second by Sharon Luthens to adjourn.

We read chapter 6," Rich in Gratitude" in our study book "Rich in the Things that Count the Most" We had a great discussion about what we are grateful for.

Patty Rusco said a closing prayer.

Next meeting is on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Olson, Acting Secretary