

ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Administrative Council Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2023 • 5:00 PM

Call To Order: Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Attendees (7): Jay Tomlinson, Craig Haberman, Margie & Mark Olson, Bonnie Berglund, Don Ingerson and Sheri Rue (via zoom).

Opening – Pastor Craig opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report – Mark Olson moved to accept the May 18th minutes with the correction that Phil Hegfors provided all the winter snow plowing and sanding at a value of \$1800 (not \$800), second by Bonnie Berglund. Voted and Passed

Treasurer's Report – Mark Olson gave the following report:

Balances:	General Fund	Building Fund	Memorial Fund
May:	\$47,952.07	\$21,961.17	\$12,295.56
June:	\$46,417.79	\$21,733.29	\$15,331.57
July:	\$49,757.23	\$21,624.94	\$15,489.02
August:	\$48,979.01	\$21,599.21	\$15,546.92

Margie Olson made a motion to accept the May thru August reports, second by Bonnie Berglund. Voted and passed. Mark Olson added that the Finance Committee will have to increase the budget for Delegates Expense for Annual Conference. Also mentioned that \$80 for the Love Offering was put in the Memorial Account instead of the General Account and was discovered after the Annual Conference and he was directed to add it to the 2024 Love Offering.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Trustees: Margie Olson reported the following:

1. Ceiling tiles in the Fellowship Hall have been replaced with a few finishing touches yet to be done in the window wells. Thank you to Bryan Rusco and his crew of Mark Luthens, Pastor Craig, Jay Tomlinson, Pam Turnbull and Norm Rusco. Patty Rusco helped with clean-up.
2. The new Air Conditioner was installed by Rusco Plumbing and was completed on September 15th.
3. The Trustees will be working on updating the Building Use Policy.
4. The next Trustee meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Pastor-Parish Relations: Sheri Rue reported the committee is finishing the Church Profile and the Superintendent will be visiting the church on November 5th. The Superintendent will also be participating in the worship service and will be meeting with the PPR committee after church.

Worship: No report.

Outreach: Jay Tomlinson reported that they are in the planning stages of doing some Outreach for the church members and/or family and friends with contributions from the Benevolence Fund.

Visioning: Jay reported they will start the study of "Journey with the Messiah" on September 26th at 6:00pm.

Education: No report.

Nurture & Membership Care: No report.

Parish Care: No report.

Memorial Fund Task Force: Carol Linneman sent the following report to Jay:

1. Memorial Sunday will be on November 5th.
2. Study Guides for the Women's Advent Study will be purchased with Memorial Funds with an estimated cost of \$300.
3. Memorials will be used to cover the \$15 charge for private photos submitted for our church directory. Estimated cost \$450.

UMW: Margie Olson reported the following:

1. UMW voted to have pasties 3 times – October, January and April.
2. Church Lawn Care Account: In 2021 an anonymous person donated \$700 for Lawn Care. It is tracked in the building acct. That Account is now depleted. The UMW voted to donate \$500 to the building fund for Lawn Care.
3. Keep the division of the pasties sales the same as last year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Directory Update:** The directory company took 44 pictures and 10 pictures were submitted by individuals on their own. We need more photos. They must be submitted by the end of October as that's when everything needs to be finalized. We still have 2 empty pages to fill. The finished directory will be available in 2024.
2. **Midco Upgrade:** The update is done and working well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rule of Christ study group:** Pastor Craig reported that this is an Annual Conference Program on how the congregation communicates. It encourages one on one interaction for problems. We would like to get it out to the congregation and implement the study in January. We would use a trainer from Annual Conference. This is only a one day/evening study. This will be put on the agenda for October with a report back to the board from Pastor Craig.
2. **Review the "Building Use Policy":** The Trustee's will be working on the Building Use Policy.
3. **Video Streaming:** Sheri Rue asked if we could look at possibly mounting the camera or find another solution, so that whoever runs the camera wouldn't have to stand on the ladder that we use now. She feels it is a safety issue. We need to do some research on another option.
4. **Journey with The Messiah spiritual initiative guide book expense:** Margie Olson made a motion to reimburse Patty Rusco \$582.76 from the Benevolence Fund for the cost of the Study Books, second by Bonnie Berglund. Voted and passed.
5. **Sponsoring a tree at the Northwoods Partners Tree of Lights:** Tabled until October meeting.
6. **Zoom subscription:** Tabled until October meeting.
7. **Conference Reports:** Pastor Craig stated there will be reports from the Conference that various Committees will have to fill out.
8. **Change of Administration Council meeting time:** Sheri Rue made a motion to change the meeting time to 7:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month due to conflict with Choir, second by Mark Olson. Voted and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Children's International updating us on the child we sponsor. Mark Olson posted it on the bulletin board.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

ADJOURN: Mark Olson moved to adjourn.

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CLOSING - Lord's Prayer