

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10-11:28 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:03 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge. Eight UMW members were present: Marge Forsberg, Linda Hane, Gail Haney, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Janice Tessier, Jeanne Tomlinson. Pastor Craig also attended.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting were read and approved with one correction: adding Jay Tomlinson to the list of persons helping with the Fellowship Hall ceiling tile replacement. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Linda Hane; second by Janice Tessier. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid the \$500 to the Building Fund for the Lawn Care Account, the usual weekly cleaning expenses and some supplies costs. The current balances are \$5,507.79 for checking, \$1,637.37 for savings. She also reported that she had to work through an issue with our account with the new Highland Bank. We had been assessed \$20.08 for "account analysis" which apparently was assessed to all business accounts. She had a lengthy conversation with someone from Highland Bank headquarters; our account will be changed to a "community account" and the assessed fee will be reimbursed. Jeanne Tomlinson moved we accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Janice Tessier. Motion passed.

Old Business

- **Mission for knitted/crocheted baby hats:** Susan Laine is still in Arizona so we'll need to wait until she returns.
- **October Pasties:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that we made and sold 819 pasties and had good crews on Monday and Tuesday.

New Business

- **Reimbursements for items purchased for the church:** Margie Olson asked to be reimbursed for some mop heads and a large dust mop as well as the two small tables that she had purchased. As these items had been discussed and agreed upon earlier it was agreed that no special motion for reimbursement was needed. Receipts should simply be turned into Sharon for her to write the reimbursement check.
- **Celebration of Life:** Sheila Shultz's Celebration of Life was held on October 14 at St Anthony's Catholic Church. Margie reported that from our church, Gail Haney, Patty Rusco, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Pam Turnbull, Nancy Markwart, Patty Niskala and Liddy Sheppard helped with set-up, serving and clean-up in St Anthony's Fellowship Hall. The family provided cake, muffins, bars and potica. UMW provided coffee, lemonade, milk, placemats and napkins. There were about 200 attending the service and about 100 at the fellowship.
- **Thank you to Ron Forsman:** Both Margie & and Craig commented about how Ron Forsman from the Catholic church had helped with both the service and subsequent fellowship. Ron helped Craig with everything he needed for the service in the sanctuary. Margie said Ron had set up everything in the fellowship room and guided the committee in the food preparations and cleanup and took care of washing all the dishes. She

suggested we give a monetary gift to Ron as a thank you. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we give Ron Forsman \$50; this was seconded by Linda Hane. Motion passed. Margie Olson will take care of getting it to Ron.

- **Pasty Dough Rolling Machine:** Arlana, a friend of Pastor Craig's from the Alexandria Methodist Church, was in town this past weekend and briefly visited our pasty vegetable prep on Monday. The idea of our looking into getting a machine for rolling out the pasty dough was brought up. Arlana spoke with Vicki, one of her fellow church members, about the possibility of loaning us their dough rolling machine so that we could check out how it would work and might help us decide on whether to purchase one. Vicki is currently in Arizona but will be back in mid-November. It was agreed that Craig would take some of our left-over dough balls with him and drop them off in Alexandria the next time he is headed down that way so that Vicki can figure out which rollers would be needed.
- **Advent Study lunch costs:** Margie asked if UMW would be willing to cover the cost for the lunch that we'll have on Sunday, October 29, to launch our Women's Advent Study that will run through November. Jeanne moved that we do that. Second by Janice. Motion passed.
- **Emma Norton Donation:** Sharon had received a newsletter from the Emma Norton organization that we have contributed to in the past through our annual North Star District dues. Since the district has since disbanded, she thought we might want to think about making a direct donation. The newsletter included a donation envelope and listed different donation focuses. It was decided to make the newsletter available to UMW members to look at over these next few weeks and we can then make a decision at our November meeting. Jeanne will put the newsletter on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- **UMW bank account signers:** Sharon reported that the current signers on the UMW bank accounts are herself and Blaine ("Butch") Diesslin. It was felt that we should have UMW members as signers. Janice moved that we drop Blaine Diesslin and add Margaret ("Margie") Olson and Jeanne Tomlinson as two additional signers on our Highland Bank UMW accounts. Second by Linda Hane. Motion passed.
- **Gene Hicks Coffee donation:** On Tuesday, October 17, Marge Forsberg had brought in another 5 lb bag donation of Gene Hicks "Good Morning Blend" coffee from her son, Brian and daughter-in-law, Betsy. Jeanne will write a thank you note for their generosity.

We adjourned the business meeting at 10:50 AM and read chapter 7, "Rich in Generosity" in our study book, *Rich in the Things that Count the Most*, followed by a discussion about generosity being a reflection of trust, commitment and love.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Secretary