

The **UMW** at Ely United Methodist Church
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 10-11:30 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:06 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge and Jeanne Tomlinson said a short prayer. Eight UMW members were present: Marge Forsberg, Linda Hane, Gail Haney, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco, Jeanne Tomlinson. Pastor Craig also attended.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 15, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read. Motion to approve by Gail Haney; second by Marge Forsberg. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported that the Highland Bank issue has finally been resolved. Expenses since our November meeting were \$300 to Emma Norton Services, \$100 to Northwoods Partners, \$293.73 for cleaning and \$294 for pasty bags. We received a nice thank you note from the Emma Norton Services. Current account balances \$5,375.24 for checking, \$1,639.83 for savings. The \$10,000 CD will mature on April 24 this year. Gail Haney moved we accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Marge Forsberg. Motion passed.

Old Business

- **Mission for knitted/crocheted baby hats:** This will be removed from Old Business until we hear from Susan Laine.
- **Pasty Dough Rolling Machine:** Pastor Craig had taken the dough balls down to the Alexandria United Methodist Church in November as planned and it was determined that it looked like it could work for us. Arlana Langner brought the machine up earlier this month. Bryan Rusco helped set it up and worked out the settings & process on pasty day. All agreed that it helps immensely. Pastor Craig said that the cost would be \$750. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we purchase the machine. Second by Gail Haney. Motion passed. Margie Olson reported that LaVerne Lindholm and her daughter Julie Ericson had suggested that Memorial Funds that had been made in memory of Bob Lindholm be used for the purchase. She'll talk with the Memorial Committee about this.
- **Advent Study:** Margie reported that the study went well. Sharon has received the receipt for the Advent Study luncheon expenses and will pay Sheri Rue.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that we had 21 attending the luncheon on December 6 and those attending said it was very nice.
- **Lap Quilts:** Gail Haney reported that Paula Mattila delivered about 20 lap quilts to Carefree Living before Christmas. We received a very nice thank you note from LaVerne Lindholm.

New Business

- **Trustee Projects:** Margie Olson reported that the Trustees have a coming project involving the back storage/choir room and the overflow area. She also read through a list of possible projects that the Trustees are looking at for the parsonage, some of which will need to be completed before the new pastor arrives, such as a hole in the kitchen screen, broken bathroom door knob and better lighting over the stair to the basement, and others that are more "wish" items, such replacing the old curtains with drapes and replacing the

basement and bedroom carpets. She also reminded us that we'll need to help with parsonage prep in May and June before the new minister arrives.

- **United Women in Faith mailing:** Margie Olson reported that she had received a mailing from the Minnesota United Women in Faith (MN UWF) board with a directory of the officials in the organization and a request for feedback of what UWF actions/projects we would be doing. We decided that our group is busy enough with what we are currently doing and don't want to add more projects.
- **Pasties:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that we made 820 pasties – 800 baked and 20 unbaked with a total income of \$6641. We had a number of new workers – some invited by Pam Turnbull and some pasty customers who had heard we could use more help.
- **Church notecards:** Linda Hane asked if anyone knew where she could get more notecards that had a bright sunrise picture of the church on the front since she had just used the last one she had. After some discussion, it was decided that Margie Olson will give Linda a sample of the notecards she has been using for church notes that have a line drawing of the church and Linda will check with the Ely Echo about possibly scanning a copy of the sunrise picture taken by Lexie Worth and using it to print note cards.
- **Rule of Christ luncheon expenses:** Jeanne Tomlinson asked if the UMW would be willing to reimburse the luncheon expenses for the Rule of Christ training on January 28. Linda Hane moved that we do that; second by Marge Forsberg. Motion passed.

Due to the length of our business meeting it was decided to forgo our devotional reading. We said the Lord's Prayer together and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Secretary