

The **UMW** at Ely United Methodist Church  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 10-11:20 AM

President Margie Olson called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Ten UMW members were present: Lucy Diesslin, Marge Forsberg, Linda Hane, Gail Haney, Dianne Nelson, Margie Olson, Patty Rusco, Donna Rusco, Jeanne Tomlinson and Pam Turnbull.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting were read. One correction was made to the Overflow Room project location of the “bulletin board doors”. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Patty Rusco, second by Pam Turnbull. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Margie Olson read Sharon Luthens’ report with the following: Income was \$6,601 from pasties. Expenses were: \$2,325.98 to the Building Fund; \$44.67 to Jay Tomlinson for pasty ingredients, \$385 to Erica Bagge for cleaning; \$1,793.01 to Zups (\$1.617.07 pasty ingredients, \$41.90 for church supplies & \$134.07 for cardamom bread ingredients); and \$257.88 to Sullivan Supply for church and pasty supplies. The checking account balance is \$5,162.66; our savings is \$1,644.37. Our \$10,700.43 CD was renewed at 4.1% interest. It will come due on 7/23/2025. Lucy Diesslin moved to accept the Treasurer’s report; second by Linda Hane. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

- **Trustee Overflow Room project:** Pam Turnbull reported that Jacob Rue will be coming later this week to work on the shelf and the bulletin board doors on the back wall of the overflow room. They are still getting estimates for the flooring.
- **Note Cards:** Linda Hane reported no one has bought any more of the cards. We discussed possibly changing the number of cards for \$5 and where to store the cards. Pam Turnbull moved we keep the cost at 10 for \$5 and to have them stored in the church office. Second by Patty Rusco. Motion passed.
- **Coffee/Dessert/Cardamom Bread Social:** Margie Olson reported that we brought in \$1,180. We all agreed it went well and was very enjoyable. We had a lot of volunteers helping out. Expenses still need to be paid and then Sharon Luthens will send a check for half of the net income to Northwoods Partners.
- **Parsonage:** Pam Turnbull & Sheri Rue will be cleaning the downstairs area of the parsonage. There is a problem with the upstairs bathroom lighting; Patty Rusco offered to have Bryan take a look at it. The fireplace inserts are still to be done.
- **Fellowship Coffee:** Margie Olson again asked for UMW members to help out with refreshments the first Sunday of each month since we’ve committed our group to providing that. Marge Forsberg offered to supply goodies for Dec 1.
- **Chair Pads:** Margie Olson has ordered 16 additional chair pads at a cost of \$140.66. Pam Turnbull moved that we reimburse Margie for this; second by Marge Forsberg. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

- **Carefree Living Coffee:** Margie Olson reported that we hadn’t actually set a date for Coffee at Carefree this month but it was on the November calendar that was distributed at the beginning of the month so it was announced at church this past Sunday to be on Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 PM. Margie confirmed that with Carefree so we’re good to go. Margie and Linda Hane will bring goodies.

- **Donation of 2 \$50 Zups gift cards:** Our offering this past Sunday included an anonymous donation to the UMW of two \$50 Zups gift cards. We'll use these to buy goodies for fellowship when needed.
- **Cleaning supplies for Erica:** Our cleaner, Erica Bagge, uses our church cleaning supplies but is allergic to some of the items. She had suggested *melaleuca* as a product that would be better. Lucy Diesslin moved we have Erica order what she needs and we'll reimburse her; second by Donna Rusco. Motion passed.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** We discussed when we should have our Christmas Luncheon. We'll try to book the Grand Ely Lodge for Wednesday, December 18\*, and if that doesn't work, Jeanne Tomlinson will contact everyone via email about other possible date(s). Paula Mattila & Marge Forsberg will take care of table favors; Patty Rusco offered to provide a short program. Jeanne will prepare a sign-up sheet for this coming Sunday.
- **Festival of Trees:** We received the usual mailing from Northwoods Partners asking about our participation in the coming Festival of Trees by purchasing & decorating & donating a tree or wreath or giving a donation. Since we had already decided that Northwoods Partners would get ½ of the net income from our Cardamom Bread/Dessert Social, Margie will just have Sharon Luthens send that check in with the donation form we received.

At 10:40 AM we adjourned our business meeting and read Chapter 13 of our *Rich in the Things that Count the Most* study book. The chapter was titled "Rich in Easter Faith" and the author talked about Easter giving us a sense peace, humor and mission.

Our next meeting will be our December Christmas Luncheon, date TBD.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Secretary

*\*December 18 was not available so we are booked for Tuesday, December 17.*