

The **UMW** at Ely United Methodist Church
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 10-11:20 AM

President Margie Olson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. We read the UMW pledge in order and then Pastor Kay opened with a short prayer. Nine UMW members were present: Kay Carter, Linda Hane, Gail Haney, Sharon Luthens, Patty Niskala, Margie Olson, Patty Rusco, Donna Rusco and Jeanne Tomlinson.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 15 meeting were read. (The scheduled February 19 meeting had been cancelled due to illness). A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Linda Hane, second by Gail Haney. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported the following: Since the January meeting the only deposit was pasty income of \$6542. Expenses were: Pasty expenses \$2419.55; Building Fund Pasty Share \$2312.33 (50% of profits); Erica Bagge Cleaning \$819.35; Snow Shoveling by End of the Road Services \$70; Confirmation \$162.50; Misc Building Supplies \$105.82. The checking account balance is \$5394.40; savings & CD still \$1,645.52 and \$10,700.43 respectively. CD matures on 7/23/2025. Patty Niskala moved to accept the Treasurer's report; second by Patty Rusco. Motion passed.

Old Business

- **Fellowship Coffee on April 6:** Margie Olson reported that the Olson family will be handling Fellowship that day to celebrate Pat Olson's 90th birthday so UMW won't be doing it then.
- **Gift Cards:** There are still funds left on gift cards the UMW had received to cover Fellowship refreshments. Margie currently has the cards.
- **Carefree Living Coffee:** We decided to hold our next Carefree Coffee time on April 3 at 1:30 PM. Jeanne will check with Carefree to confirm the date and time. (Later in the day, Margie offered to do it since she would be going to Carefree the next day.)
- **Shoveler:** Margie reported that Mark would be handling the shoveling in April so she would let the Trustees know they wouldn't need End of the Road Services that month.

New Business

- **Helping with funds for Trustee projects:** Our church Building Fund has been shrinking with all the work being done recently so we may need to help pay for the parsonage fireplace inserts, the front steps & handicap ramp redo project and parking lot resurfacing. It was suggested we think about doing an additional month of pasty sales, perhaps November. We'll discuss this later.
- **Pasties:** Jeanne Tomlinson reminded everyone that our next pasty sales will be April 15. Callers should plan to do their calls from April 8 to April 12.
- **May Friendship Luncheon:** We decided to have this on our normal UMW meeting day (3rd Wednesday) which would be May 21 starting lunch at noon. Jeanne Tomlinson contacted the GEL and later was able to confirm that arrangement.

At 10:40 AM we adjourned our business meeting and started our devotional time with the book *Dynamite Prayer*, reading the Introduction and *Day 1: Overshadowing* and discussing the Prompt, Breakthrough Prayer and Prayer Hold.

Our next meeting will be on April 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Secretary