ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES Ely United Methodist Church

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought entitled "Love Beyond Measure", followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the May 21, 2014 Administrative Council meeting were approved as printed in the Church Newsletter for May 2014.

The Treasurer's reports for May, June, July and August, 2014 were accepted as presented. The August end of the month General Fund balance of \$1,953.19, a Building Fund balance of \$22,515.06, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$11,198.22.

Committee Reports

The **Board of Trustees** met in July, reporting completion of a number of projects: replacing the carpeting of the Church entryway, repair of stairs to the Pastor's Study door, Sealing of the parking lot, lawn maintenance and Flower garden planting and maintenance.

The **Memorial Committee** met in August. The Committee planned and led the annual memorial recognition service. Memorial Funds were used to purchase the Church's new multi-function digital projector.

Education Committee – No report.

Finance Committee – will be meeting in October to set the Church's 2015 Budget.

Nurture and Membership Committee – No report.

Outreach Committee No report.

Worship Committee – No report.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – members will be meeting with District Superintendent Mark Miller on Sunday September 21, following the worship service. Committee members and 3 additional church members are completing Staff Clergy Evaluation forms prior to the committee meeting in October.

Parish Health Ministries – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **New Church Stationery** – New Church stationery has been designed and printed by The Ely Echo. The new stationery is in use.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Petty Cash Fund** Dana requested \$200 be transferred into the Church's Petty Cash Fund from the General Fund. (Jeanne Tomlinson/Keith Rue) Approved.
- "Reach, Renew, Rejoice" Campaign The Minnesota Annual Conference will have a conference-wide 7year program starting in 2015. The goal is \$3.7 Million - for starting new churches in developing areas and for revitalization grants to existing churches. Church giving goals are based upon 10% of each Church's 2014 budget, payable over 5 years. Campaign information person for this area is Rev. Michelle Olson, Virginia, UMC. A visit by Rev. Olson is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014, will begin with a Pot-Luck Supper, followed by Rev. Olson's informational presentation. All members are invited.
- 3. **Parsonage Propane Furnace Vent Replacement** A routine inspection of the parsonage's propane furnace revealed that the exhaust venting pipe is not up to standards. It was agreed to have Edwards North Country Propane replace the exhaust vent. (Mark Olson/Lucy Diesslin) Approved.
- 4. **Propane & Carbon Monoxide Detector** The furnace inspector strongly recommend the purchase of a Propane leak detector and a carbon monoxide leak detector. Motion to purchase. (Keith Rue/Jeanne Tomlinson) Approved.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- 1. Church Men's Group October 7. 2014, 6:00 PM, A Sloppy Joe Feed followed by a nature photography slide show by Rich Floyd. All men are welcome.
- 2. Pasty Making October 20-21, 2014. New Workers are needed with many 'regulars' not being available.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting "*The Lords Prayer*".

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine "Butch" Diesslin