

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**Ely United Methodist Church**

**October 15, 2014**  
**Number Present: 11**

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

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from Hooked For Life, by Jimmy Houston, followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the September 19, 2014 Administrative Council meeting were approved as printed in the Church Newsletter for September 2014.

The Treasurer's report for September, 2014 was accepted as presented. The September end of the month General Fund balance of \$2,291.20, a Building Fund balance of \$22,474.03, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$10,650.57.

**Committee Reports**

The **Board of Trustees** met in October. Winterizing the Church has begun, The fire extinguishers in the parsonage have been updated, Winter Sign-up Sheet for Sidewalk Snow Shoveling volunteers has been posted, volunteers with Snowplows are being sought to plow the Church Parking Lots for parts of November, December, January and February when Butch will be gone.

**Memorial Committee** – No report.

**Education Committee** – No report.

**Finance Committee** – will meet October 30, 2014, 7:00 PM to set the Church's 2015 Budget.

**Nurture and Membership Committee** – Received pictures of some of the infants wearing the knit hats made by church members.

**Outreach Committee** – Hearts-2-Hands made 100 pillow cases (most ever) and donated them to St. Mary's ConKerr Cancer program. "*Stanley The Scarecrow*" will in the back of the Church and collecting monetary donations for the Ely Food Shelf October 19 – November 2. Make checks payable to Ely UMC, memo food shelf. "*The Giving Tree*" with gift tags will be set up in the back of the Church November 16 – December 7.

**Worship Committee** – Discussions have begun with the EUMC youth to possibly provide a Christmas Program.

**Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** – Met October 8. Discussed the annual pastoral evaluation. Set the Pastor's salary for 2015.

**Parish Health Ministries** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice Potluck and Presentation October 13, 2014.** Rev. Mickie Olson, Virginia UMC, gave a presentation on the goals and objectives of the **Reach, Renew Rejoice**, a 5 year initiative of the Minnesota Annual Conference. The request is for each church to contribute funds for increasing UMC membership in Minnesota. Request for our Church is \$2,020/ year.  
Motion by Lucy, Second by Jeanne: Our Church will participate in the **Reach, Renew, Rejoice** growth initiative in 2015-2019, with a 2015 goal of \$2,020. The Ad Council will review program participation annually. Passed
2. **Parsonage Propane Furnace Vent Replacement** – Repair Technician from Edward's Propane made measurements, will order parts and install.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Pasty Making Filming for Ely TV.** Jeanne Tomlinson was approached by the Ely community TV cable channel about videotaping pasty making for use on the channel. Agreed the publicity would be good, however concerns were expressed relating to the need for individual releases, etc. Jeanne will follow up.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. **Church Men's Group – Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 6 or 7 PM, Prehistoric Native American Tools**  
Jay Tomlinson coordinating.
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 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was closed by those attending reciting "*The Lords Prayer*".

Respectfully Submitted,  
Blaine "Butch" Diesslin