

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

April 20, 2016
Number Present: 11

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

Attendees: (11) Jay Tomlinson, Jeanne Tomlinson, Margie Olson, Mark Olson, Lucy Diesslin, Dana Thompson, Butch Diesslin, Toni Floyd, Bonnie Berglund, Bob Lindholm, Keith Rue

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “The Upper Room” devotional for March 20, 2016, followed by an opening prayer.

The **Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Ad Council** meeting were approved as printed. (Jeanne T/Lucy D)

The **Treasurer’s Report for March, 2016** was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The February end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$7,796.18; Building Fund: \$28,464.99; Memorial Fund: \$11,496.22; Parish Health Ministries 400.00; Undesignated Funds \$3,000, R3 Project \$306.00. M/Lucy/S/Jeanne

The **Board of Trustees** met April 4, 2016.

- The monthly grass mowing sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board ready for volunteers
- The Church’s fire extinguisher annual check has been completed
- Dave Archambault will be replacing/repairing garage siding
- One of the Parsonage Dehumidifiers needs to be replaced. Funding will be requested of UMW Butch will install the new dehumidifier and dispose of the old dehumidifier
- The Church Siding will be pressure washed and air conditioner filters will be cleaned by Jer Niskala
- Bryan Rusco will evaluate the air direction control of the Church’s air conditioners

The **Outreach Committee** met on March 19 and made a quilt for ALS

The **Memorial Committee** will be meeting on May 3, 2016.

The **Visioning Committee** will meet May 3, 2016.

Old Business

1. **Church Furnace Project – Update** – The two new furnaces have been delivered and mounted in the furnace room. The units received are a newer design than ordered, at no price difference. The furnace plumbing will be updated after the current heating season ends.
2. **A New Computer Printer** for the Church office was purchased with money from the Memorial Fund.
3. **Lenten Supper Proceeds** – This year’s Lenten Supper proceeds of \$196; along with \$104 from the UMW; will be donated to: Northwoods Partners (\$100), Northern Lights Clubhouse (\$100) and the Ely Food Shelf (\$100). M/Jeanne/S/Lucy/ Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Handicapped Ramp Safety Concern** – Concern was expressed that the current design of the railings on the handicapped entrance ramp do not prevent children from falling to the ground. The Trustees will evaluate redesign of the railings for improved safety.
2. **Church Flower Garden** – Liddy Sheppard has volunteered to oversee the flower garden in front of the Church, and has offered to contact the Ely Garden Club. UMW offered funds, if needed, for plants, seeds and nutrients.
3. **125th Anniversary Recognition** – 2017 will be the 125th Anniversary of The Church. Those present approved a motion: That the Church have a recognition event of the 125th anniversary – and that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to plan, organize and oversee the anniversary event. M/Butch D/S/Jeanne T/Approved
4. **Annual Conference Lay Representative Expenses** – The Church is looking for a volunteer from the congregation to be its Lay Delegate to Annual Conference in St. Cloud, MN, June 21-23, 2016. Dana feels strongly that our church should have a lay representative in attendance at the conference.

Approved: The Church will pay for delegate's hotel room for up to 3 nights, plus reimburse up to \$150 for meal and travel expenses. M/Lucy/S/Jeanne

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Children's International** – Letter of recognition and “Thank You” for our \$35 for our sponsor child's Birthday gift.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **March Pasty Report** – by Jay Tomlinson – Made 851 pasties; Sales Receipts Deposited: \$5,114.00; Expenses \$1,380.16; Net Income: \$3,733.84.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin, Ad. Council Secretary