

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

January 18, 2017
Number Present: 8

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

Attendees: Dana Thompson, Keith Rue, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson, Mark & Marge Olson, Butch & Lucy Diesslin

Pastor Dana Thompson provided the “Opening Thought” from *The Upper Room* (January 18, 2017 entry) followed by prayer.

The minutes of the December 21, 2016 Ad Council meeting; as printed in the January 2017 issue of “*The Fish*” newsletter; were approved as printed. M/Lucy/S/Marge.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for December 2016 was presented and highlighted by Treasurer Mark Olson. The End of Year account balances: Building Fund: \$13,818.59, Memorial Fund: \$10,176.33, Parish Health Ministries \$400, R3 Project \$15.00, Undesignated Funds \$3,000, General Fund: \$5,081.71. Mark pointed out that receipts for 2016 (\$101,365.29) were considerably lower than 2015 (\$109,684.70) but that we were still able to pay all of our bills. The report was approved as submitted. M/Butch/S/Keith.

Committee Reports

The **Board of Trustees** will be meeting in April.

The **Memorial Committee** will be meeting on February 7.

The **Pastor-Parish Committee** will meet in the Spring to begin work on the new minister search. The plan is to get things moving fast enough so that the summer church members can be actively involved in the process.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Five Love Languages Study.** The 7 week study is scheduled to start on Monday, February 6 from 5:30-6:30 pm. There will be a sign up sheet at church for the next two Sundays in order to determine the count for ordering the materials. Jan Rue will lead the study.
2. **125th Ely UMC Anniversary** – The committee will meet on Wed February 8 at 7 pm for an initial brainstorming session.
3. **Church Potlucks** – The first church potluck for 2017 will be on Sunday February 5 at 11:30 am. Dana will put information about this in the *FISH* and the church bulletin and it will also be announced during the Jan 22 & 29 worship services.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **\$10,000 gift** – The church received a donation of \$10,000 from Margaret Wood with a letter expressing her appreciation for the church and her desire to have the monies spent for some project or for whatever the church would need it. It was decided to hold the money in the Building Fund in the “Undesignated” category until a project that seems appropriate can be determined. M/Jeanne/S/Butch/Motion approved. It was suggested we not wait too long so that we can report back to Margaret with details of how it will be used. A thank you note for the donation has already been sent.
2. **Rifle Proof Vests for local Law Enforcement** – Dana reported on a presentation at this month’s ministerial meeting by *Shield 616* - an organization trying to get more extensive protective gear for our local police & sheriffs. Normally the equipment that is being requested would run to over \$2200 per person but can be obtained for about \$1000. Marge is going to look into this to get more information.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **January Pasty Report:** Made 754 pasties. Gross Income: \$4526.50; Expenses: \$1,307.15; Net Income: \$3,219.35.
2. **UMW Information for ElyUMC.org** – Bonnie Berglund wrote a description of UMW for our church website and it has now been posted there.
3. **General Giving 2011-2016** – Dana distributed a chart showing our general fund giving. 2015 was the highest and 2016 was the next to the lowest over the 6 years.
4. **Pasties “Flyer”** – Per a suggestion made during the December 2016 Ad Council meeting, a half-sheet flyer was added to each pasty customer’s bag on January 17. The flyer thanked the customer and let them know we are looking for new customers. We already have 3 new customers as a result of this flyer.
5. **Secretary Records** – Butch handed over all the Secretary’s notebooks to Jeanne. He will give a digital copy of the records to Jeanne later.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM, and was closed with the unison reciting of *The Lord’s Prayer*.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary