

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

May 16, 2018

Ely United Methodist Church

Call To Order: Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees (9): Bonnie Berglund, Butch & Lucy Diesslin, Linda Hane, Mark & Margie Olson, Dana Thompson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

Opening: Pastor Dana provided the “Opening Thought” from *600 Hymns & Praise Songs*, reading the history and words of “Pass it On”, followed by prayer.

Minutes: The April 18, 2018 Ad Council minutes were approved as printed in the May 2018 *FISH*. Motion to approve by Lucy Diesslin, second by Bonnie Berglund. Motion approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Mark Olson presented the April 2018 treasurer’s report. Receipts & disbursements were \$14,398.64 & \$9,188.57, respectively. The receipts included \$4,083.89 from the March and April pasty sales. End of month balances: Building Fund \$16,293.54; Memorial Fund \$10,699.66; Parish Health Ministries \$400, R3 Project 2018 \$167.25, available General Fund \$9,956.58. Motion to approve by Jeanne Tomlinson, second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorial Fund: Pastor Dana reported that the committee had decided to change the date of the annual memorial service from August to May. It was held on May 13. They approved covering the cost of the new copier & 2 ink cartridges in memory of Ed Curnow. They also approved the cost of the new food processor in memory of Donna & Norman Rusco’s parents.

Nurture & Membership: Bonnie Berglund reported that she has a meeting scheduled with Pastor Dana during the week of May 21.

Pastor-Parish Relations: Jeanne Tomlinson reported the committee had met on May 9 with only 4 committee members in attendance. They decided to continue with the “Service Opportunity” bulletin inserts, repeating the ones from the previous month only worded differently to encourage people to sign up for service during August and beyond. Their next meeting will be on June 13 from 5-7 PM for the “Rule of Christ” Training which will be led by Robert Hoeft, a trainer provided by the conference. We will open this up to anyone in the congregation who is interested in attending. Jeanne will write an article for the June *FISH* and will have a sign-up sheet available for June 3 & 10 and will make announcements about it at those worship services.

Worship: Linda Hane reported that plans are coming along for June 17 through July 22 Sunday worship services by the various persons and groups.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Parsonage Phone/Internet Service:** Mark Olson reported on the results of his conversations with Midcontinent Cable company on their various service levels and prices for internet service. After some discussion, Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we proceed with arranging with Midco for their “Internet 150 Plan” (150 mbps download/\$44.95/month 1st yr/\$75.32 thereafter) and then to arrange with Frontier to change over ownership of the parsonage phone line to Mark Olson and add call forwarding to the line. Second by Butch Diesslin. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget for Dana's Appreciation Celebration:** Linda Hane moved that we allocate \$200 to cover the costs of the May 20 celebration. Second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Mark Olson mentioned that we have already received a donation to pay for part of the costs. Motion approved.
2. **Ad Council Meetings in June, July & August:** Jay Tomlinson brought up the possible need for the Ad Council to meet during the summer which we normally do not do. In particular, we have an opportunity to meet with Pastor Craig on July 18 since he is willing to come meet with us that evening while he's in the area. Butch Diesslin moved that the Ad Council chair have the authority to schedule an Ad Council meeting during the summer as needed with at least one week's notice to the committee members. Second by Mark Olson. Motion approved. It was agreed that the Ad Council would definitely meet on July 18.
3. **Multi-church BBQ & joint church service:** Margie Olson and Jeanne Tomlinson reported that our annual multi-church BBQ/picnic will be on Sunday, April 12 from 12-2 at Semer's Park. Some of the ministers are discussing holding a joint worship service to be held at the park and want to know if our church would be interested in participating. Since our new minister will not be here until the end of July, the Ad Council needs to make the decision. Mark Olson moved that we hold our usual worship service on that day and that we not participate in the joint service; second by Linda Hane. Motion approved.
4. **July 29 Ice Cream Social:** Jay Tomlinson asked if we could go ahead & arrange for buying a couple of 3-gallon tubs of vanilla ice cream for our July 29 Ice Cream Social. Butch had suggested we could order them from the same source that the Kiwanas use for their Blueberry Festival fundraiser which will be the same weekend. Lucy moved that we proceed with that plan; second by Linda Hane. Motion approved. Butch indicated that the ice cream is ordered through the Northland Market and that he would place our order as a separate one at the same time he does the other.

Correspondence

1. **Northwoods Partners** sent two thank you notes to the church – one in appreciation for the donation from the Lenten Supper monies and the other for our ongoing support and encouragement of the organization.
2. **Gary & Dayle Felder** sent a note indicating they'd be arriving back in town shortly and included a donation toward the Pastor Dana Appreciation Celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary