

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

March 20, 2019

Ely United Methodist Church

Call To Order: Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

Attendees (10): Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Dan & Bev Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Keith Rue, Donna Rusco, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

Opening: Pastor Craig provided the “Opening Thought” with thoughts from *Wind River Winter* by Virginia Stem Owens about “passive diminishing”: as we experience suffering and/or diminished physical capacity, we frequently learn what really matters. The concept of when “we are weakest, God can be strongest”.

Minutes: The February 20, 2019 Ad Council minutes were approved as printed in the February *FISH* with one correction on the previous year’s pasties information – it should have been “February”, not “January”. Motion by Bev Johnson; second by Linda Hane. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Mark Olson presented the February 2019 Treasurer’s Report. Receipts & disbursements were \$9,746.69 & \$8,817.98, respectively. End of month balances: Undesignated Funds \$12,969.59; Building Fund \$9,461.02; Memorial Fund \$10,627.94; Parish Health Ministries \$400; R3 Project \$112.25; Gift of Giving Project \$15.16, Landscape Project \$218.78. Motion to accept by Jeanne Tomlinson, second by Bev Johnson. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Board of Trustees:** Margie Olson reported the outdoor parking lot lights replacements (now LED) were covered by a donation. Their next meeting will be on April 1 at 7 PM.
- **Pastor-Parish Relations:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported the committee met on March 13 and had a brief discussion about how the first year of our “transition” is going. So far, all positive comments. Pastor Craig shared his current “time away” plans for the rest of the year. He’ll be gone 4 Sundays and all those have pulpit substitutes arranged. The committee will meet next on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30 PM.
- **Worship:** Linda Hane reported the Ash Wednesday service on March 6 was very well received with 52 participants. The committee will meet on April 2 to discuss the Holy Week services. Palm branches have already been ordered for Palm Sunday. There will be a Thursday service on April 18 at 7 PM that will be a combined Last Supper (communion) and Good Friday service.
- **Parish Health Ministry:** Donna Rusco commented that we need more prayer shawls. She’ll write an article for the May *FISH* to describe the wide variety of shawls (knitted, crocheted, quilted, fleece, etc.) that are acceptable.
- **Visioning:** Committee Chair Rich Floyd provided a written report to the Ad Council outlining the status of the committee’s initiatives from their March 14 meeting:
 - **Gift of Giving:** The committee evaluated the feedback from the congregation and decided to do this project again. It will be turned over to the Outreach Committee to handle.
 - **Vine & Branches Bible Study:** This has been a very successful 6 week study. There will be an article in the April *FISH* about it.

- **Prayer Wall:** The committee has worked out the logistics for an insert in the Sunday bulletin listing prayer requests received through the prayer chain and worship service submittals through the use of the prayer request form in the pew welcome pads. Pastor Craig will announce the program during the Sunday worship service on March 24 and an article about the *Prayer Wall* will appear in the April *FISH*.
- **Bible Study:** There were only 4 responses to the survey indicating interest in a week day Bible Study and none of the available times coincided, so at this time there won't be an additional weekly Bible Study to the Sunday morning 8:45 M weekly Bible Study.
- **Movie:** There will be a movie shown at the church on Sunday, April 7 at 2 PM with an Easter theme. They are currently assessing showing either *Son of Man* or *Pieces of Easter*. Dan Johnson requested we looked into enhancing the sound more since the top volume from the computer is not adequate. Keith & Mark will check out the use of speakers they have for their computers.
- **Radio Promotions:** Craig had received a marketing call from WELY indicating we could get 3 spots per day for 3 days per week for a month for \$71. We might consider doing this to promote a future special event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Progress on Ad Hoc Committee for Church Handbook:** Jeanne Tomlinson distributed an organizational chart documenting the committees and roles that are currently listed in the Church Handbook and including some additional information that should be included. We'll be using this as a basis for discussion of possible changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Love Offering:** Pastor Craig asked how we normally handle the Love Offering and distributed copies of the flier he'd received about where the Love Offering funds will be distributed this year. Linda Hane moved that we guarantee a minimum of \$100 for the offering if the special free-will offering does not generate that amount. Jeanne Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was decided the special offering would be taken on Sunday, May 27. There will be an article in the May *FISH* to let people know more about it.
2. **Confirming Nominations – Annual Conference Layperson:** Pastor Craig reported that Jay Tomlinson had volunteered to serve as the Lay Person Annual Conference delegate this year. He submitted his name for the nomination. Second by Marge Olson. Nomination confirmed.
3. **Direct Deposit Offerings:** Jay Tomlinson reported that this has been suggested as something we might look into since many “younger generation” folks prefer this way of making payments to the church. We discussed it briefly but need more information as to costs and logistics before taking any action.
4. **Jumpin' Jeohosaphats:** Pastor Craig reported he'd been contacted by this Gospel/Country Music group to see if our church would be willing to sponsor them to come to Ely for a show. We have done this in the past. Sponsorship would cost \$200 as well as arranging the venue (Whitehall Park bandshell?), sound system and probably providing refreshments of some sort. Bev Johnson moved

we do this; second by Linda Hane. During the discussion it was decided we should take an offering during the event to cover any costs and any money beyond that would then go to the band. Motion passed.

5. **Blessings of the Fleet & Pot Luck:** Pastor Craig reported on a former annual event that was restarted last year by the Ministerial Association that takes place soon after the meeting the outfitters have with the Forest Service at the beginning of the season, usually late April. Outfitters bring canoes/kayaks to Semer's Park for a blessing and then there'll be a pot luck picnic following. Our commitment would be to help with the food but there would be no direct cost. Linda Hane moved we do this; second by Keith Rue. Motion passed.
6. **All Night Grad Party:** Mark Olson had received a letter from the All Night Grad Party requesting donations. Marge Olson moved we donate \$50 as we have in the past; second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed.
7. **Easter Lilies:** Pastor Craig had received a mailing from Ely Flower & Seed asking about whether we'll do Easter lilies again this year and that the order would need to be placed by April 5. Marge Olson moved that we do them again; second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Motion passed. Pastor Craig will take care of getting a sign-up sheet put together to be available at the March 24 & 31 Sunday services and will take care of ordering the lilies.

Correspondence – None

Items of Information

1. **Lenten Supper:** Jay reminded everyone we'll be hosting our Lenten Supper on March 21. Pasty maker helpers need to arrive by 3 PM.
2. **New District Superintendent:** Pastor Craig announced that our new DS will be Laurie Kantonen who was formerly the pastor of the Hubbard UMC. She's planning to make rounds through the district over the next few months to meet with each church.
3. **March Pasties Report:** Pasties made: 623; Sales \$3758; Cost: \$1,130.65; Net Income: \$2,637.35. Last March we made 683.
4. **April Pasties:** Jay Tomlinson reminded everyone that he & Jeanne will not be here for the April 15-16 pasties. Jeanne will handle orders as usual. Jay will order product for 850 with adjustments to be made once all the orders are tallied. Dan Johnson will coordinate production; Marge Olson will be handling the sales. Start time on April 16 will likely be 6 AM instead of the usual 7.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary