

Ely United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
February 19, 2020
Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Dan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Attendees (6): Craig Haberman, Mark and Margie Olson, Dan and Bev Johnson, Rich Floyd.

Opening: Craig provided opening thoughts – read a poem from Wing over Wing by Julie Cadwauader Staub and gave a prayer lifting up many who are ill and suffering loss.

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed in the January FISH.

Motion to approve by Margie Olson; Seconded by Rich Floyd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$21,438.83 with income of \$7802.50 including \$153.50 from UMW for the Reach, Renew, Rejoice. In addition to the usual salary expenses, the Church Multi-coverage insurance for the year was paid (as approved by the board in January) with total disbursements of \$10935.29. The month-end balance was \$18,307.04.

Motion to approve made by Bev Johnson, seconded by Margie Olson. Motion to approve carried. (A copy of the report is attached to the written minutes)

Committee Reports:

Board of Trustees: No report

Finance Committee: No report

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee: Sherry Rue will be acting chair of PPR. They will keep the congregation abreast of the pastoral absences.

Worship Committee: The Worship Committee has put into place the Services occurring during Lent: Ash Wednesday – imposition of ashes; Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 16. Palms will be ordered for Palm Sunday Service. The choir will sing on Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The EUMC will be responsible for the Thursday Lenten supper on March 19 (we will make the mini-pasties). Pastor Craig will be away June 21 (Dana), August 2 (Marshall), August 9 (We believe that will be the Siemers Park Ecumenical Service), September 13 (Dana) and September 20 (open). The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27.

Outreach: No report

Visioning: Visioning: 1) Kid's Club is currently not meeting due to few kids attending and illnesses. Depending on circumstances, it may be reconstituted on Wednesdays in the fall. 2) Racial Reconciling Covenant: currently, not much is known about this initiative, which came out of the Minnesota Annual Conference. If it simply involves signing a declaration, the Council was not too interested. There are probably some commitments involved, and that will be further investigated. 3) Pot Luck Scheduled for May 17. 4) Looking to the questions asked in the Natural Church Development Survey to find initiatives to undertake that would increase our spiritual enthusiasm.

Sharing “God Moments” is one way, and the committee is brainstorming ways to do that.

Old Business:

Web Site: The Web site needs to be updated to be congruent with current programs and information and in terms of its architecture, content and photos. Dan will talk with Jay about content and photos and will notify appropriate people about updating information. This will be an ongoing project.

Uniform Pasties: After noting pasties coming out of the oven with some dark and some light, Dan Johnson worked with Mark Olson (and others) to strive for more uniformity. During this pastie run, the temperature was lowered for baking to 375 degrees and all shelves were rotated in a consistent manner creating a more uniform and lighter brown pasty.

New Business:

Gideons to visit: presentation will be positive in nature and they will take an offering, they will be scheduled for sometime this summer to make a presentation during a Sunday service.

Annual Audit: The books of the UMW, the Church, and the Building Fund were audited by the Audit Committee to prepare the report that goes to the Annual Conference. The record keeping is exemplary. The report is available in the church office.

Facebook Presence: It was reported that there is a Facebook page for Ely United Methodist Church. However, it is not known who set it up, and how information is controlled about what appears on the site. We need to find out if anyone knows about how it was established.

Ecumenical Service (in August). Margie Olson moved that EUMC join in the service at Semers Park pending verification of time and date. This means our worship service will be cancelled on that date. Rich Floyd seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Craig will bring it up at the Pastors’ meeting.

Pasty Information: Pasties made: 584; Deposits \$3519; Cost \$1201.56; Net Income \$2317.44.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 with a recitation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Beverly Johnson
Acting Temporary Secretary