

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
August 11, 2020 - Virtual meeting via Zoom
Ely United Methodist Church

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

Attendees (10): Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Bev & Dan Johnson, Carol Linneman, Margie Olson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson.

Opening: Pastor Craig commented how it's been about 5 months now since our last in-house worship service and how pleased he is that we continue to do the best we can during this pandemic – he would give us an A-/B+ “grade” with an S+ for Effort. He then opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: The July 2 Ad Council minutes were approved as distributed with the weekly *Parish News*. Motion to approve by Linda Hane; second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Hybrid Worship Service for Fall:** The Worship Committee has been meeting to develop a plan for our worship services this fall when it gets too cold for outdoor in-car/lawn-chair services. They are recommending the implementation of a hybrid worship service beginning in October utilizing equipment purchased and installed by Mauro Caruso of Custom Theaters of Ely. This would allow us to do live-streaming of our service both to people at home & elsewhere but also to our Fellowship Hall since we are very limited as to how many people can worship safely in our sanctuary. An estimate from Custom Theaters had been received earlier and distributed to Ad Council members. The estimate of \$5,680.35 included a large-screen TV with mounting hardware, a Pro-Cam camera, the additional cards & wiring & time for hooking everything up as well as some initial training on usage. We briefly discussed our current finances (\$38,179 in the General fund, \$10,614 in Memorial and ~\$4,800 in Building). Our 3 month ‘grace period’ for pastor health insurance will be ending soon and we will probably not be doing pasties for some time yet. Bev Johnson pointed out that our total giving as of the end of June has been \$52,600 compared to \$57,800 last year. But we all agreed this is a commitment we need to make, not only for this current situation but for the future of our church. Linda Hane moved to proceed with this project as recommended by the Worship Committee; second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion passed. We then discussed the money sources from our accounts. We have a pledge from an individual for a \$1,000 donation, Memorial Committee will commit to \$2,000, UMW \$1,000 and the balance of \$1,680 would come from the General Fund. Margie Olson moved that we proceed with these allocations; second by Bev Johnson & Bonnie Berglund. Motion passed.
2. **Change from Frontier to Midco:** It had been recommended by Custom Theaters that we change our internet service to Midco for better streaming service. Jay moved that we change our internet & phone service to Midco and drop Frontier. Second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed. Mark Olson will take care of this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Honoring Ely HS Graduates from our church:** Since there apparently hasn't been any "traditional" way for our church to honor our graduates other than a cake and special recognition at church which we can't do this year, we decided that for Luke Olson and Lauren Porthan this year we would do fleece blankets. Margie Olson volunteered to take care of this.

Items of Information

1. **Next meeting:** Since we will need to have some time in September to discuss and make final decisions on the implementation of our fall worship services, it was decided we should meet earlier, so our next meeting will be on the 1st Wednesday of September, the 2nd, at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary