

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - Virtual meeting via Zoom

Call To Order: Chair Dan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Attendees (10): Lucy Diesslin, Rich Floyd, Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Dan Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Keith Rue, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson.

Opening: Pastor Craig read part of Psalm 130 and talked about “waiting”. He then opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The January 27, 2021 Ad Council minutes, as previously distributed to Ad Council members, were approved. Motion to approve by Lucy Diesslin; second by Margie Olson. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Mark Olson had previously sent out a copy of the January 2021 Treasurer’s reports. He reviewed some details, pointing out that once again our income for the month exceeded our expenses. The account balances are General Fund \$31,859.94; Memorial Fund \$9,938.75; Building Fund \$4,374.49. Linda Hane moved that we accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted, second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Trustees:** Margie Olson stated that we still need someone to handle snow shoveling in March. Pastor Craig shared that Nick & Evan Wognum had volunteered to handle that month if no one else signs up.
- **Worship:** Linda Hane reported the committee had met on February 9. We have been having between 250 and 340 “clicks” on our Facebook Live worship services each Sunday. Choir practice will be starting up on March 4. For Ash Wednesday “early ash distribution”, Linda Hane handed out enough to serve approximately 16 people. Patty Rusco served as a liturgist for the in-house service. Linda has ordered palm branches from Ely Flower & Seed to be available for the March 28 Palm Sunday service. The committee will meet again on March 16 to finalize details for Holy Week. Dan Johnson asked about the special 7-candle candelabra that Marshall is making. Pastor Craig confirmed it will be ready in time for the Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service, which will be held on Friday this year instead of Thursday.
- **Visioning:** Rich Floyd reported that the committee had met on February 11 and discussed a possible outreach program of a “Birthday Club”. They haven’t worked out many details on how this would work but would like to go ahead from the Ad Council before proceeding further. He moved to approve the idea. Second by Linda Hane. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ongoing assessment of live streaming our Sunday service:** Jay commented he will be raising the camera higher for this coming February 28 worship service to accommodate people sitting in front of it in the middle section of the sanctuary. We had a lengthy discussion about allowing more people into the sanctuary now that some members are getting vaccinated. It was decided that we need to wait and see as the vaccinations progress.
2. **Church computer:** Pastor Craig reported that Dan Ely, who has worked in the tech industry, has also volunteered to be on the committee looking into the purchase of a new computer for the church. Craig, Bev Johnson and Dan Ely will meet and begin looking into this, starting at Voltz.

We discussed setting a ballpark figure to work with during this process and agreed that about \$1,500 should be adequate for the computer and any additional software and hardware needed to set it up. This figure will help the committee in the search.

- 3. All-Nite Grad Party donation:** Mark Olson brought up the letter he'd received in 2020 from the All-Nite Grad party requesting a donation. We had held off on discussing this until 2021. Linda Hane moved that we give the usual amount of \$50. Jay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ely police office support per the Ely ministerium:** Pastor Craig reported that the ministerium would like to have churches "adopt" an individual Ely police officer to support them with prayer and notes of encouragement. Two churches have already agreed to do so with two of the officers. Pastor Craig read the names of the remaining officers. We picked three of the names in case some have already been selected when the ministerium meets again.

Items of Information

- 1. Next Ad Council meeting:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM with Pastor Craig leading a recitation of the *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary