

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Ely United Methodist Church

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

Attendees (6): Lucy Diesslin, Craig Haberman, Dan Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Jeanne Tomlinson.

Opening: Pastor Craig briefly compared Psalm 23 from a Scottish Psalter with *The Message* and talked about the importance of balancing tradition with new ways of thinking. He then opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The May 19 and 26, 2021 Ad Council minutes, as previously distributed to Ad Council members and via *Parish News*, were approved. Motion to approve by Margie Olson; second by Lucy Diesslin.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Olson presented the May, June, July and August 2021 Treasurer's reports. The current account balances are: General Fund \$32,819.52; Memorial Fund \$10,073.53; Building Fund \$5,706.53. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted, second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Trustees:** Margie Olson reported the following:
 - Dave Starkman sealed the parking lot blacktop and repainted the lines.
 - Margie Olson has been trying to contact Steve Anderson to put up some gutters at the back of the church.
 - BJ has done measurements but has not yet done the needed sewer work.
 - The bathroom switch at the parsonage has been repaired by Cunningham Electric.
 - A motion-sensor light is needed over the garage for the parsonage since the city has removed the nearby streetlight.
 - Mark Luthens repainted the handicap ramp.
 - The committee cleaned out the garage and Mark Luthens took all discarded items to the dump.
 - The basement door needs to be replaced. They'll be getting one for about \$500 from Menards and Larry Urbas will install it.
 - Gary Felder and Ger Niskala have been mowing the lawn; Dan Johnson and Liddy Sheppard have been taking care of the other landscaping needs.
 - The next Trustees meeting will be on October 6 at 7 PM.

Pastor-Parish Relations: Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the committee will also meet on Wednesday, October 6 at 7 PM. Since there is no overlap in committee members this should not be a conflict with the Trustees.

- **Worship:** Linda Hane reported that the liturgist signup and piano/organ player arrangements have been going well.
- **UMW:** Lucy Diesslin reported that the UMW discussed plans to start up making pasties again, starting with November and just doing it two other months (February and April). More plan details will be in the UMW meeting minutes which will be distributed with the *Parish News*.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ad Hoc technology commitee:** The committee has been formed with Pastor Craig, Dan Ely, and Sheri Rue to develop a job description and also to look for a couple more members.
2. **Tweaking of indoor service relative to evolving Covid-19 concerns:** Evaluation continues each week as we watch the local case numbers. We have started up in-person Sunday School for the kids and will start passing the offering plates this coming Sunday (Sept 19). After-worship fellowship/refreshments and the in-worship meet & greet is still a ways off.
3. **Outdoor/Memorial Service:** This ended up not happening because so many people prefer the in-person indoor worship to the “in-car/scattered lawn-chair” service. The Memorial Committee will need to set a date for the Memorial service. Pastor Craig suggested All-Saints Day (Nov 7) as a possible date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Prep for Church Conference, “first look”:** Pastor Craig reported that we’ll continue with our normal schedule for our All Church Conference so it will be on December 15. The Nominating Committee will be meeting to work on nominations. He has received the various required forms from conference for our annual Church Evaluation and Pastor salaries and copies have been sent to the PPRC chair.
2. **Parish News vs The Fish:** We discussed possibly restarting *The Fish* and only using *Parish News* for information that is needed in a more timely manner. We’ll then distribute it electronically to our current email mailing list and send a paper copy to all the others we have in our newsletter label list. The first *Fish* issue would include a request for people receiving the paper copy to contact us with an email address, if willing, in order to save funds on stamps & printing. We briefly discussed changing *The Fish* format to one that most organizations use that allows the printed electronic copy to match the mailed paper copy, eliminating the need for two versions. This subject needs to be discussed with Jay Tomlinson, the current newsletter and web site coordinator, before we proceed with any changes to the current process.
3. **Confirmation:** Pastor Craig reported that he currently has two scheduled confirmands, Drew Johnson and Wyatt Tedrick, and may have a few more.

Items of Information

1. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord’s Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary