

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**Ely United Methodist Church**

**May 18, 2016**  
**Number Present: 7**

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an *Opening Thought* from **Hooked For Life**, followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the April 20, 2016 Administrative Council meeting were approved as corrected – the correction being the Pasty Report given was for April, not March.

The Treasurer's report for April 2016 was accepted as presented (M/Jeanne/S/Bonnie), with an end of the month General Fund balance of \$4,618.24, a Building Fund balance of \$28,469.99, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$11,283.19. Treasurer Olson noted that the Church's monthly expenses exceeded the monthly giving by about \$2,700 in April.

The **Board of Trustees** met on April 4, 2016. During the month of April, a member of the Trustees replaced the float and flushing mechanism of the toilet in the basement, and have also resealed two leaking sink drain baskets of the kitchen's 3-bay sink.

Volunteers are needed for Church's summer lawn mowing and trimming. The Sign-up Sheet is on the Church Bulletin Board.

The **Memorial Fund Task Force** met and approved the funding for:

1. Replacing the computer printer in the Church office;
2. "*Worship and Song*" booklets; and "*Written in Red*" sheet music for the Choir.
3. The Church's **Memorial Sunday** will be **August 21, 2016**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Handicapped Ramp – Safety Concerns.** The Board of Trustees will be discussing at its July meeting.
2. **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition.** Butch Diesslin will be writing a newsletter article seeking interested volunteers for an Ad Hoc committee to recognize the Church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.
3. Jay Tomlinson will be the Church's Lay Representative at the **2016 MN UMC Annual Conference** in St. Cloud, MN, June 21-23, 2016.
4. **New Parsonage Dehumidifier.** A new dehumidifier has been purchased and installed in the basement of the Parsonage. Funding was provided by UMW.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Annual Conference Love Offering.** Every Church in the MN UMC Conference is requested to collect and bring the Church's contribution to the Annual Conference "*Love Offering*". The funds collected will be used for 3 UMC mission projects: **Refugee Response, International Child Care-Dominican Republic, and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships.**  
Motion: To collect our Church's free-will Love Offering on Sunday June 12, 2016, and guarantee the Church's donation to be at least \$100. (M/Margie/S/Bonnie) Motion Approved.
2. **Three Church Pot-Luck Picnic. First Presbyterian Church, Grace Lutheran Church and Ely United Methodist Church** have agreed to hold the three church pot-luck picnic again this summer on **Sunday, August 7, 2016.** Margie Olson will contact Chris Norman; Coordinating Rep of First Presbyterian for a planning status update.

**ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Northwoods Partners – Letter of appreciation for our donation of \$100.
2. Children's International – Annual letter from our Church's sponsored child, describing her life, interests and thanking us for our sponsorship. The letter is posted on the bulletin board

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. Jay and Jeanne Tomlinson had a very nice visit with Jim and Joan Nicholas in Cincinnati, OH; bringing Greetings and Best Wishes to everyone.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The meeting was closed by those attending reciting "*The Lords Prayer*".

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine "Butch" Diesslin, Ad Council Secretary