

The **UMW** at Ely United Methodist Church
Wednesday, January 15, 2025 10-11:30 AM

President Margie Olson called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and opened with a short prayer and a unison reading of our UMW pledge. Nine UMW members were present: Lucy Diesslin, Marge Forsberg, Linda Hane, Gail Haney, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Patty Rusco, Donna Rusco and Jeanne Tomlinson.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Linda Hane, second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported the following: \$27.15 for new checks; \$160 to Ely Shopper for Coffee Social ads; \$757.78 to Erica Bagge for cleaning for 2 months; \$84.70 to Zups for building supplies (\$35.08) & coffee social (\$49.62); \$431 to Northwoods Partners which was 50% of our Coffee Social net profit. The checking account balance is \$4,882.03; our savings is \$1,645.52; CD \$10,700.43 (matures on 7/23/2025). Jeanne Tomlinson moved to accept the Treasurer's report; second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion passed.

Old Business

- **Trustee Overflow Room project:** Margie Olson reported that the new flooring in the upstairs Fellowship area has been installed.
- **Parsonage:** Margie reported that the parsonage was cleaned on Friday, January 10 but will need additional cleaning after the contractors are done. Pastor Kay and family have not yet arrived; nor has their furniture. Fireplace inserts are scheduled to be installed on Jan 29.
- **Fellowship Coffee on Feb 2:** Margie Olson asked for help with refreshments on February 2. Jeanne Tomlinson offered to bring goodies and set up the coffee but cannot serve. Marge Forsberg offered to help Margie serve.
- **Carefree Living Coffee:** Margie Olson asked if we wanted to do this in January. It was decided we'd do it next on February 13 at 1:30 PM just before Valentine's Day. Margie Olson volunteered to bring some cookies.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that we had 24 attending our December 17 Christmas Luncheon at the GEL. We had 4 tables of 6 each filled with nice table favors from Paula Mattila and Marge Forsberg and a lovely program by Patty Rusco. It was deemed a success.

New Business

- **Paying for shoveling:** Margie reported that Mark Olson and Jerry Niskala have been the only ones taking care of shoveling the church sidewalks when it snows and the Trustees discussed possibly hiring someone to take care of it on times when Mark and/or Jerry aren't able to. She wanted to know if the UMW would be willing to cover the cost. Lucy Diesslin moved that we cover the cost to hire someone to take care of shoveling (if needed) on Friday and Sunday, and any time Mark or Jerry are not available, at a rate not to exceed \$25 per time. Second by Patty Rusco. Motion passed.
- **Study Book:** Since we are finishing our current study book, we talked briefly about what to use for our devotional time in future meetings. It was agreed that we'll use the *Dynamite Prayer* book we all received early in 2024.

- **Secretary substitute for Feb 19 meeting:** Jeanne Tomlinson announced she'd be out of town for next month's meeting and needs a substitute to take and write up the meeting minutes. Lucy Diesslin offered to do that and if she can't make it, Margie Olson will do it.

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from Northwoods Partners for our generous donation from the November Coffee Social profits.
- Thank you note from Lyndi Zemke for the money to help her go to summer camp.

At 10:50 AM we adjourned our business meeting and read Chapter 14 of our *Rich in the Things that Count the Most* study book. The chapter was titled "Rich in Commitment to Christ" and was based on Mark 10:46-52 with the story of the blind man, Bartameaus, who demonstrated commitment with grit, grace and gratitude as we should.

Our next meeting will be on February 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Secretary