

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

**February 15, 2012**  
**Number Present: 10**

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

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “The Upper Room”, followed by an opening prayer.

The Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed in the “*The Fish*” church newsletter.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for January, 2012 was presented. All bills were paid to date. The end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$5,555.92; Building Fund: \$10,005.73; Memorial Fund: \$9,563.77.

The **Board of Trustees** meeting scheduled on January 4 was canceled. The trustees will meet April 4, 2012.

The **Memorial Committee** met February 7 and approved purchasing a number of videos and books for the Church library, approved moving the Church library and the construction of a new bookcase –at a cost of not more than \$1,000 - for the Church’s Family Room/Parlor. Jim Nicholas is building the new bookcase.

The **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** will meet in March.

The **Worship Committee** will be meeting with Mike Trumbull to discuss the upcoming Prayer Workshops.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Vital Congregations Revitalization Plan.** We are waiting for more direction from the MN Conference office to complete.
2. **B.S.A Venturing Crew Sponsorship.** We are waiting for the B.S.A National office to notify us of the approval of the charter of this new scout unit.
3. The **Church Visioning Committee** is approaching the completion of the Church’s Visioning Plan. Many parts of the plan have been started. The committee will continue to assess the execution and impact of the plan’s initiatives.
4. **Dale Arendt Meeting** – Dana and members of our congregation met with Dale Arendt on Sunday January 30 in Virginia, to discuss ideas on revitalizing our church. Some good information was received by the visioning committee members.
5. **All-Church Pot Luck and Program – Sunday, February 26, 2011.** Lucy Diesslin informed the council that there will be an All-Church Pot Luck following worship. Sheri and Zach Rue will present a program about mission trips they have taken in the past.
6. **“Imagine No Malaria” – Update.** Our Church has raised \$6,522.94 of our \$7,000 goal. Dana would like to be at or beyond our goal before the MN Annual Conference (May 30-June 1, 2012). Dana read excerpts from the MN Bishop’s newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Church Internet Website.** The Dale Arendt urged the Church to have an internet website, because this is the first place new residents to a community will look for a church. Moved by Butch Diesslin, second by Linda Hane, that our Church will establish an internet website. Members of the Ad Council having a website will gather data and report back.
2. **Minnesota Annual Conference.** Pastor Dana Thompson has registered via the internet and Lucy Diesslin will be doing so in the Near future. Annual Conference is May 30 - June 1, 2012 in St. Cloud.
3. **Petty Cash.** The Ad Council approved \$100 for the Pastor’s petty cash fund.
4. **All Night Graduation.** The Ad council approved \$50 to support the all-night graduation gathering at Ely High School.

5. **Nursery Electrical Outlets.** The ad council approved the installation of additional electrical outlets in the Nursery.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ely Young Life sent the Church a “Thank You” acknowledgement for our donation.
2. “Imagine No Malaria” fundraising campaign sent a “Thank You and acknowledgement for our payment in January of \$6,430.

### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. Wednesday, February 22, 2012 is **Ash Wednesday**. The first Lenten Supper is Thursday, February 23, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church.
2. **All-Church Pot Luck Dinner and Program – Sunday February 26, following worship.** Following the meal Sheri and Zach Rue will present a program about their mission trip experiences.
3. **Ely UMC Lenten Supper Host – Thursday, March 22, 2012.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin