

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

September 16, 2015
Number Present: 6

Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson provided the “Opening Thought” by Jane Reed from *The Upper Room*, which was followed by prayer.

The Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Ad Council meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the February 2015 issue of *The Fish* newsletter. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson, second by Bonnie Berglund.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for the months of May, June, July and August 2015 was presented and highlighted by Treasurer Mark Olson. The August end of the month account balances – Building Fund: \$ 24,369.25, Memorial Fund: \$ 11,478.91, General Fund: \$6062.41, broken down into Parish Health Ministries \$516.66, Undesignated Funds \$ 4,011.55 and the 3Rs fund of \$1,534.20. Mark pointed out that all bills for the church have been paid. Motion by Lucy Diesslin, second by Jeanne Tomlinson, that the treasurer’s report (all 4 months) be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Memorial Committee** reported that our Annual 3rd Sunday in August Memorial Service went very well, new children’s book were added to the church library and the church has a new Altar Bible.

The **Education Committee** reported that Chris Urbas and Linda Hane sent out invitation reminders to 26 youths that Sunday School has begun and that they would love to see all attend.

The **Finance Committee** reported that our 2016 church apportionment has increased from \$13,128 in 2015 to \$13,820. The apportionment is calculated by a formula using church membership, expenses and Annual Conference needs.

The **Outreach Committee** reported that 85 pillow cases were made for the ConKerr Cancer program.

The **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** reported that the minister’s September 1st evaluation was completed, typed and sent to the District Superintendent, Mark Miller.

The **Parish Health Ministry Committee** reported that Margie Olson and Bonnie Berglund initiated a program for the community called *File Of Life* and have already distributed more than 600 magnetic holders to community members, hospital workers, nursing home workers and church members.

The **Visioning Committee** reported that the new *Welcome Pads* are in place and have been well received.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **New Church Directory:** October 5th and 12th are dates for church members who have yet to have family photos taken to schedule times for photos for the new church directory. Calls to those families to schedule photo sessions are being made. Jay Tomlinson encouraged submitting photos of church activities and groups for inclusion in the new Directory.
2. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice** (the 3Rs)– Donations during the summer months pushed the total from \$1,250.00 in May to \$1,534.20 at the end of August, just \$485.80 short of our goal of \$2,020 for the year.
3. **Side Street Barbeque** – A meeting between the coordinators of the event from all three churches needs to be arranged to resolve the expense distribution between the churches, review and evaluate the event, and determine how to improve the organization of event for future years.
4. **Sheridan Street UMC Directional Sign** – Our church directional sign on the south side of Sheridan Street is now back in place so folks coming from the west are able to see the sign directing them to our church.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Study Books:** A request was made to authorize the purchase of new study books for adult studies. The Visioning Committee recommended continuing our adult study groups both in the fall and post Super Bowl as a way to continue adult education, strengthen faith and understanding, and continue learning through fellowship. The fall Advent study group is titled *Under Wraps* and the study books are on sale at \$8.70 per book. Purchasing 30 books cost \$284.49 with shipping. The post Super Bowl study group is called *The God We Can Know* and the study books would cost \$8.00 each for a total of \$240 plus shipping for 30 books. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson, second by Lucy Diesslin, to authorize up to \$600 for the purchase of adult study books for both the *Under Wraps* and *The God We Can Know* study groups with the funds coming from the Education budget. Mark Olson pointed out that the funds for the study books for *The God We Can Know* would come from the 2016 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **2015 Church Conference:** The District Superintendent, Mark Miller, indicated that he felt our church was very stable, much more so than others, and that he felt it was not necessary for him to lead our church conference in December. Since our minister, Dana Thompson, is an Elder, he is qualified to lead the church conference. The recommendation to our District Superintendent, Mark Miller, for the date for our church conference is the 3rd Wednesday in December, the 16th, at 7:00 pm just prior to the Ad Council meeting. If approved, he will confirm the church conference date and time.
3. **The 3Rs:** Dana Thompson requested that all members of the Ad Council think on what the church commitment to the 3Rs should be for 2016 so that the Ad Council can set that commitment at a future meeting this year.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **Pasty Making:** Pasty preparation and production begins October 19 & 20.
2. **Church Bazaar** – A church Bazaar project day is scheduled from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 3rd.
3. Mark Olson reported that the city work crew replaced the outside water spigot.
4. **A huge REJOICE** – Dana Thompson reported that our church family has so far this year met our church budget needs and gone the extra mile in raising funds for outside giving totaling over \$10,100 including: \$655 for Zack Dehn, \$216 for the Love Offering, \$1,534 for the 3Rs, \$7,300 for the Cancer Walk, \$413 toward the *News Service 2000* and we still have the Ely Food Shelf and the Christmas Tree Giving to go. Dana's word of rejoice is ***PHENOMENAL!!!***

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM, and was closed with the unison reciting of ***The Lord's Prayer***.

Respectfully Submitted, Jay Tomlinson, Chair for Blaine "Butch" Diesslin, Ad Council Secretary