

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

October 21, 2015
Number Present: 9

Vice Chairman Keith Rue 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 September 16, 2015 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for September, 2015 was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The September end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$3,675.32; Building Fund: \$21,294.07; Memorial Fund: \$11,478.91; Parish Health Ministries 516.66; Undesignated Funds \$3,000. M/Lucy/S/Bonnie

The **Board of Trustees** Margie reported that the Trustees met October 5, 2015.

- The Calendar for Winter Sidewalk Snow Shoveling is posted on the Bulletin Board – volunteers urged to sign up
- The two dehumidifiers at the parsonage need to be replaced for next summer
- The Church’s propane cost is \$1.09/gal. for 2015-16
- BJ Rusco will clean, check and make necessary repairs to the Church furnaces

The **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** will meet November 6, 2015. They will begin working on the salary related material for the 2016 Church Budget prior to 2016 Church Conference.

The **Finance Committee** will meet in mid-November to develop the 2016 Church Budget.

Parish Health Ministries – Reminded everyone that we are in the “Cold and Flu Season” and recommended that non-touching greetings be exchanged at church. *File of Life magnetic refrigerator pockets* – for emergency medical information are available for anyone.

The **Visioning Committee** will be sponsoring 4 sessions on *Advent Preparation*. Dates and times (mid-November, early December) of the sessions will be in the Sunday service bulletins.

Old Business

1. **Church Directory** – The 4 scheduled photo sessions have been completed. Additional photos of the Church will be taken, address information will be verified & updated. The new directory should be completed in early 2016.
2. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice Conference Asking Donations** – To date our church members have contributed \$1,575.20 of the requested \$2,020 for 2015.
3. **Side Street BBQ 2015** – The joint gathering on south 3rd Ave. East of members of Grace Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Ely United Methodist Church drew 150-160 people. Costs were higher than estimated due to the city’s street closing fee. Balance due to be paid.
4. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice – 2016 Church Commitment** – The Ad Council tabled discussion to the November Ad Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Church Tables** – The Trustees determined that the old folding tables in the garage are beyond safe use and have recommended to the Memorial Committee – A) All of the old tables in the garage be disposed of as a safety liability, B) Six new 8’ long resin topped tables be purchased (~\$80 each) with memorial funds, C) Six of the ‘most worn’ current basement tables be stored in the garage for church member and offsite church function use. M/Lucy/S/Toni/ Approved.
2. **Communion Table Glass Replacement** – The glass top on the Church’s Communion Table has chipped corners and is a safety hazard. Those present approved a motion to replace the existing glass and recommend purchase by Memorial funds. M/Lucy/S/Toni/ Approved
3. **Church Bazaar – Saturday, November 7, 2015** – The Women of the Church reported on the planning progress for the upcoming Bazaar.

4. **“Stanley the Scarecrow”** – **“Stanley”** will be in the back of the Church – Through October 26 - collecting canned goods and monetary donations for the Ely Food Shelf. Please make Checks payable to the Church and the Church will send one check to the Food Shelf.
5. **Giving Tree Outreach** – The Giving tree will be in the back of the Church - November 15- December 6. The gifts will be picked up December 7.
6. **Church Large Refrigerator Maintenance** – The large refrigerator at the Church needed for adequate storage of meat and dough balls during pasty making; required a maintenance call to replace a temperature controlled switch. The maintenance man recommended not operating the refrigerator with a small amount of things in the refrigerator. The near-empty refrigerator will turn on and off more often – wearing out the switch more frequently. Either we empty and turn off the refrigerator or place jugs of water in the refrigerator to hold cold temperatures longer.
7. **North Star District Fund** – Our Church’s share of this fund for 2016 will be \$175.75 up from \$109. /M/ Lucy/S/Bonnie/ Motion Approved.
8. **Budgeted 2015 Support Payments** – Those present approved the payment of our 2015 budgeted support to Ely Young Life and to Northwoods Partners.
9. **Church Support of ‘Hearts 2 Hands’ Quilter Ministry** – The quilting group has been a strong ministry of outreach of our church without financial support from the church. /M/Margie/S/Lucy/ to support ‘Hearts 2 Hands’ at \$200 in the 2016 Church Budget. Approved.

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Northern Lights Clubhouse** – Thank you letter for our monetary support donation.
2. **News Service 2000** – Thank you letter from ‘Pastor Pat’ for allowing her to visit and talk about persecuted churches in the World.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **October Pasty Report – Made 804 Pasties.**
2. **November Pasty Making – November 16-17, 2015.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin