

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

November 18, 2015
Number Present: 9

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 Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the October 21, 2015 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed. Motion by Margie Olson, seconded by Lucy Diesslin - unanimous.

The Treasurer’s Report: The October 2015 treasurer’s report was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The October end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$1,513.34; Parish Health Ministries \$481.66; Reach, Rejoice, Renew Fund \$1720.20; Building Fund: \$21,299.06; Undesignated Funds \$3,000.00; Memorial Fund: \$11,483.63. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson, seconded by Bob Lindholm - unanimous.

Board of Trustees: Margie Olson reported that there was a recall on the Stihl Weed Wacker we purchased and that she would take it to Joe’s Marine to have the recall checked out. She also reported that we are still looking for volunteers for shoveling snow for the winter months. (Except for Feb).

Memorial Fund Task Force: Dana Thompson reported that the Alter Glass has been replaced, that the Memorial Committee approved the purchase of 6 new tables for the basement, a new space heater was purchased for the nursery room for use during pasty days and for use in the Minister’s office when needed, and a plexiglass cover has been purchased for the children’s alter in the basement.

Finance Committee: Butch Diesslin reported that the Finance Committee will meet in December prior to the Church Conference to develop the 2016 Church Budget.

Outreach: Toni Floyd reported that the check and all the food donated for the Food Shelf through the *Stanley Scarecrow* program have been delivered to the Food Shelf. She is also looking into new Outreach ideas for 2016.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the committee met November 11, 2015 and approved a 1% salary raise (\$445.00) for the Minister for the 2016 Church Budget for the 2016 Church Budget prior to 2016 Church Conference.

Parish Health Ministries: Margie Olson reminded everyone that we are in the “Cold and Flu Season” and recommended that non-touching greetings be exchanged at church. The distribution of *File of Life* magnetic refrigerator packets with emergency medical information has been a huge success with over 1000 given out and another 600 ordered. The packets are available for anyone.

Visioning Committee: Lucy Diesslin reported that the committee met on Monday, November 16th, and Rich Floyd has prepared an idea similar to a *Care Ministry Team* to be presented and discussed at their next meeting. They also set a movie date on January 17th, to show the movie *War Room*. The committee also reported that the *Advent Preparation* study group is going well even though attendance has been low (hunting season was mentioned).

Old Business

1. **Church Directory** – The Church Directory information will submitted in mid December and the new directory should be completed and delivered in early 2016. A request was made to anyone who has any additional photos of Church activities to emailed them to Jay Tomlinson at tomlinson.jay@gmail.com
2. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice Update** – Contributions of \$1,845.20 of the requested \$2,020 for 2015 have been received from our church family members.
3. **6 New Table for the Basement** – Margie Olson made a motion to renew our membership to *Sam’s Club* (\$45) so the tables can be purchased there under tax exempt status. Seconded by Jeanne Tomlinson - unanimous. Margie will handle the purchase of the tables.

4. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice – 2016 Church Commitment** – The Ad Council tabled discussion to the December 16th Ad Council meeting following approval of the 2016 Church Budget and the Church Conference meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Church Bazaar** – Lucy Diesslin reported that the Bazaar was quite a success raising \$2,576 and change with very few items left. The next church bazaar will be scheduled in Nov of 2017.
2. **Nominations Reporting** – Nominations for all positions have been filled except for the Lay Member who attends the Annual Church Conference to vote on behalf of the Ely United Methodist Church. Lucy Diesslin agreed to remain as that person with the understanding that a Lay Member Substitute will attend the Annual Church Conference and vote on her behalf as she will not be able to attend due to the change in meeting time of the Annual Conference. The Lay Member Substitute has yet to be determined.
3. **Pastor's Salary for 2016** – The Ad Council voted to approve the Pastor Parish Relations Committee recommended 1% increase in the Pastor's salary. Motion by Margie Olson, seconded by Jeanne Tomlinson – unanimous.
4. **Handicapped Parking** – Bob Lindholm recommended removing one of the three parking spots designated as Handicapped Parking until a need for a third spot is deemed necessary. Motion by Margie Olson, seconded by Bob Linholm – unanimous.
5. **Christmas Eve Service** – The Ad Council discussed whether changing the time of our Christmas Eve service to an earlier time would be more beneficial to our congregation. It was agreed that it is too late to make any changes for 2015, but research and feed back from our church members on this topic will be sought for making an informed decision for 2016.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **October Pasty Report** – Total made = 804. Total Income = \$4,810. Total Expense = \$1,653.35. Net Income = \$3,156.65. 2014 Net Income for October was \$3,183.94 making 803 pasties.
2. **November Pasty Report** – Total made = 853. Total Income = \$5,126.00. Total Expense = \$1,628.55. Net Income = \$3,497.45. 2014 Net Income for November was \$3,528.47 making 852 pasties.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting "*The Lords Prayer*".

Respectfully Submitted, Jay Tomlinson for Blaine "Butch" Diesslin