

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

December 16, 2015
Number Present: 13

Chairperson Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

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

The **Minutes** of the November 18, 2015 Ad Council meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the November 2015 issue of *The Fish* newsletter. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson, second by Margie Olson.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for the month of November 2015 was presented and highlighted by Treasurer Mark Olson. The November end of the month account balances – Building Fund: \$ 21,968.84, Memorial Fund: \$ 11,807.18, General Fund: \$9,551.43, broken down into Parish Health Ministries \$481.66, Undesignated Funds \$7,124.57 and the 3Rs fund of \$1,945.20. Mark pointed out that all bills for the church have been paid. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson, Second by Lucy Diesslin that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Board of Trustees** reported that the Church’s propane furnaces were not working properly and that - Plumber and Church Member - BJ Rusco, had spent considerable time working on the furnaces to keep the Church heated. BJ was in attendance and explained that the furnaces had reached the end of their useful and reliable lifetime. Further discussion would occur later in the meeting during **New Business**.

The **Board of Trustees** also reported that some of the old and unusable folding tables had been hauled to the landfill, and the remaining tables would also be taken to the landfill in the near future.

The **Finance Committee** reported that our 2016 church budget had been developed and presented to the Church Conference.

The **Visioning Committee** reported that the new ‘**Welcome Packets**’ in the pews were well accepted, with some additional inserts in the works. The Committee is investigating the feasibility of a new devotional series. More info later.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **New Church Directory:** Jeanne and Jay Tomlinson are in the process of collecting, organizing and sorting the photos submitted for the new church directory.
2. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice** (“the 3R’s”) – Donations are currently at \$2,011. We should reach our pledge of \$2,020 by the end of the year.
3. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice Goal for 2016** – The Church’s “**Reach, Renew Rejoice**” donation goal to the Minnesota Annual Conference for 2016 was set at **\$1,000**. Motion by Mark Olson, Second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Visioning Proposal – Care Ministries Team** – A proposal had been made that the Visioning Committee consider developing a Care Ministries Team of volunteer congregation members. Margie Olson and Jeanne Tomlinson volunteered to write a proposal and bring to a later meeting for approval.
2. **Malfunctioning Church Furnaces** - BJ Rusco, Plumber, addressed those present informing them that the church’s propane fueled, hot water furnaces; installed in 1992; were in need of major repair or replacement. BJ strongly recommended that it would be most cost-effective to replace the furnaces than try to repair them. The cost of two new furnaces is estimated to be \$12,000-\$15,000. BJ stated that simplifications to the existing piping would further improve the system’s performance. The piping modifications are best be done in the summer when building heat is not required. BJ will be providing the church with a total project cost estimate. Motion by Lucy Diesslin/Second by Margie Olson – to purchase and install 2 new furnaces. Motion Approved.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **Pasty Making:** Pasty preparation and production is January 18 & 19, 2016.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin, Ad Council Secretary

Ely United Methodist Church

Minutes – Church Conference for 2016

December 16, 2015

The Church Conference was called to order by the Rev. Dana Thompson, Ordained Elder and Pastor of the Ely United Methodist Church, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ely United Methodist Church, Ely, MN.

Attendees from Ely United Methodist Church (12): Rev Dana Thompson, Blaine Diesslin Lucy Diesslin, Rich Floyd, Bob Lindholm, Laverne Lindholm, Jay Tomlinson, Jeanne Tomlinson, Mark Olson, Margie Olson, BJ Rusco and Linda Hane.

Pastor Thompson began the meeting with a short devotional of a Bible reading from I John, followed by prayer.

Pastoral Summary

Pastor Thompson said that the State-of-the-Church is “Well”. We are financially sound, however our worship service attendance is less than desirable. The Church membership remained stable.

Church Action Items

Nominations & Personnel Committee Report

I. The Committee presented the Class of 2018 nominees for:

- A. The Board of Trustees
- B. The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
- C. The Nominations and Personnel Committee.

No additional nominations for the above were offered from the floor.

II. The Committee also presented the nominees for the officers and work area chairpersons of the Church Administrative Council for 2016. No additional nominations were offered from the floor.

Moved by Margie Olson, Second by Lucy Diesslin to accept and approve the slates of nominees of the Nominations and Personnel Committee. Motion Approved.

Church Budget for 2016

The 2016 Church Budget was developed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Administrative Council at the November 18, 2015 meeting. Motion by Margie Olson Second by Laverne Lindholm. The Church Budget was Adopted Unanimously.

There were no other items requiring action by the Church Conference.

There being no further business, the Conference was adjourned by Pastor Thompson.

The Conference was closed with a prayer by Pastor Thompson at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blaine “Butch” Diesslin
Administrative Council Secretary