

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church

September 21, 2016
Number Present: 7

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

Attendees: (7) Jay Tomlinson, Margie Olson, Mark Olson, Butch Diesslin, Lucy Diesslin, Dana Thompson, Bonnie Berglund.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “The Upper Room” devotional for September 21, 2016, followed by an opening prayer.

The **Minutes of the May 18, 2016 Ad Council** meeting were approved as printed. (/M/Margie/S/Bonnie)

The **Treasurer’s Report for May, June, July and August, 2016** were presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The August end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$8,223.50; Building Fund: \$14,117.25; Memorial Fund: \$11,127.02; Parish Health Ministries 400.00; Undesignated Funds \$7,012.50. (/M/Lucy/S/Margie)

The **Board of Trustees** will be meeting **Monday, October 3, 2016**. Replacement siding for the bell tower has been ordered, to replace the wind damaged pieces.

The **Memorial Committee** held the Church’s Annual Remembrance Sunday on August 21, 2016.

The **Finance Committee** has been informed that the tentative apportionments information for 2017 is available online. Butch will download the information and schedule a meeting of the Committee.

Old Business

1. **Joint Church Picnic – Follow-up Meeting Furnace Project – Update.** Margie reported that the picnic coordinators had met to critique this year’s picnic. The 2017 Joint Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2017. The musicians will be assemble in a shaded area. Meat to be grilled will be thawed before cooking.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **125th Anniversary of Ely United Methodist Church.** An Ad Hoc planning committee for the Church’s anniversary recognition will be formed.
Congregation members interested in joining the committee should contact Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Jay Tomlinson or Pastor Dana Thompson.
Jay Tomlinson will contact Mark Miller; District Superintendent; about his availability to attend on a Sunday in June or July, or August 2017.
2. **Refrigerator Maintenance Plan.** The Warranty of the Church’s two refrigerators requires a periodic cleaning of the condenser coils. The Church has a Shop Vacuum and a portable compressor to do the lint removal. Cleaning instructions and a Cleaning Date recording chart will be placed the side of each refrigerator.
3. **Children's Bibles for “Bring a Child to Church Sundays in September”.** The Visioning Committee decided to purchase 40 children's Bibles to give to the children and guest children who come to church in September. Of the \$400 cost, \$200 was donated and the Ad Council approved reimbursing Rich Floyd and Keith Rue \$100 each from the Outreach Budget.
4. **Advent Study.** Pastor Dana Thompson requested funds to purchase study materials for an Advent Study - outside of worship services - on 4-5 Sundays in Advent. The Ad. Council approved up to \$500 from the Education Committee budget. (M/Mark/S/Bonnie)

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **District Superintendent Visit – Saturday, October 8, 2016, Afternoon.** District Superintendent Mark Miller will be visiting our Church – to meet with our **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee**, and for an open meeting with congregation members to hear hopes and ideas.
2. **Pasty Making –October 17-18, 2016.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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

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