

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
February 15, 2017
Ely United Methodist Church

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

Attendees (5): Mark & Marge Olson, Dana Thompson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

Pastor Dana provided the “Opening Thought” from *The Upper Room* (February 15, 2017 entry) followed by prayer.

The **Minutes** of the January 18, 2017 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed in the February 2017 *FISH*. M/Marge/S/Mark.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for January 2017 was presented and highlighted by Mark Olson. End of month balances: Building Fund \$22,922.57 (with \$13,000 Undesignated), Memorial Fund \$10,278.13, Parish Health Ministries \$400, R3 Project \$15, General Fund \$3,776.53. The report was approved as submitted. M/Jeanne/S/Marge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marge reported that the **Board of Trustees** will meet next on April 3. Dana recommended the Trustees check out the parsonage this fall to assess any work that might need to be done for a new pastor in 2018 following his retirement in June.

Dana reported that the **Memorial Fund Task Force** met on February 7 and decided to use funds from Joan & Kenny Biebl’s donations, with Glenn Biebl’s approval, to cover the cost for the recently purchases omni-directional microphone. The next meeting will be May 2.

Marge reported for the **Parish Health Ministry** that the EMT responders told her that they are looking for and using the **File of Life** handouts we had distributed to people.

Jay reported that the **Visioning Committee** met on February 9. We will be holding a *Family Fun Night* on Wednesday, April 26, starting at 5:30 PM. We’ll have sloppy joes and chips and then watch the movie *Inside Out*, an animated Disney movie that runs about 80 minutes so we should be done by 7:30 PM. The Youth Group that normally meets at that time will be helping out with the event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Five Love Languages Study Sessions:** Jay reported that the study is going well. The first session had about 22 participants and the second had about 12, the latter primarily because of a hockey game. It was generally agreed that Jan Rue is doing a wonderful job leading the study.
2. **125th Ely UMC Anniversary:** Jay reported that the committee met on February 8 with just 3 participants, himself with Butch & Lucy Diesslin. (Additional persons interested in being on the committee, Marge Olson, Linda Hane & Trish Schreffler, were unable to attend.) They brainstormed a number of ideas for the August 6 celebration: (1) Getting invitations out to folks by March 31 to try to get an idea about how many might be coming. (2) Having a catered dinner later in the afternoon (~2) and using St Anthony’s fellowship hall. (3) Creating a Power Point presentation of old photos from the archives. (4) Having large banners to put around the outside of the church to announce the 125th Anniversary. (5) Singing “The Pasty

Song”. (6) Highlight all the church’s outreach & activities done in the last 25 years. (7) Do a “pasty play” using an updated script from one done for the 100th Anniversary. (8) Have giveaways such as Frisbees (not mugs). (9) Have a mixer game/scavenger hunt opening activity. (10) Use some of the funds that were received from Margaret Wood to cover some of the costs for the event. Dana suggested the committee contact St. Anthony’s right away to see if their Fellowship Hall would be available that day. Dana also reported that the Gary & Betty Ellis had sent some funds to be used for the celebration and are planning to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Feb 5 all-church Pot Luck Dinner:** We all agreed that our first all-church potluck this year was a success. Keith Rue counted 47 participating out of the 49 people who attended church. Our next Pot Luck will be May 7.
2. **All Night Grad Party:** Mark brought the letter from the All Night Grad Party committee that he had received late last year. We decided to send \$50 again. M/Jeanne/S/Marge.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mark reported receiving 3 tax receipts from 3 groups showing our total giving for 2016: \$445 to the Ely Food Shelf; \$500 to Young Life; \$441 to Children’s International.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord’s Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary