

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

May 17, 2017

Ely United Methodist Church

Call To Order: Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees (7): Dana Thompson, Bonnie Berglund, Butch & Lucy Diesslin, Mark & Marge Olson and Jay Tomlinson

Opening: Dana provided the “Opening Thought” from *The Upper Room* (May 17, 2017 entry) followed by prayer.

Minutes: The April 19, 2017 Ad Council minutes were approved as printed in the May 2017 *FISH*. Motion to approve/Margie Olson; Second/Butch Diesslin, Unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report: The April 2017 treasurer’s report was presented and highlighted by Mark Olson. Receipts: \$10,974.28, Disbursements: \$9,374.55. End of month balances: Building Fund \$23,486.63 (with \$11,000 Undesignated and \$2,000 designated to the 125th Anniversary Celebration); Memorial Fund \$10,283.04; Parish Health Ministries \$400, R3 Project \$40, \$150 125th Anniversary, General Fund \$3,318.45. Mark commented that this was the first month that receipts were greater than disbursements. The Board agreed to move the \$2,000.00 designated funds for the 125th Anniversary Celebration in the Building Fund to the General Fund designated to the 125th Anniversary Celebration. The report was approved as submitted. Motion to approve/Butch Diesslin; Second/Bonnie Berglund. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visioning Committee: After-School Instruction for Children – Aimed at grade school children, this will be a good way to feed into the Youth Group, not to mention initiating the children’s religious instruction. We are considering providing the instruction weekly on Wednesdays right after school lets out. The idea is to walk the children from school to the church, and that will likely take two adults. We would like to start at the beginning of the new school year. Our biggest challenge will be to find volunteers to give the instruction and to walk with the children. Jan has already agreed to teach. The teacher would also be one of the walkers. Background checks will be required. Many of the prospective teachers may already have them from working or volunteering at the school. Jan will see if we can get documentation for them. Those who need to get background checks can do it through the Conference “Safe Gathering” program. We will offer, but not require, additional training for safely dealing with children. The current cost for the background check and training is \$32.50 per person. The training, if desired, can be done online.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **125th Ely UMC Anniversary:** The committee has decided on the meal and is in the process of getting bids from caterers. Butch is working on a Power Point Presentation and is still accepting photographs. Trish is working on securing give-a-way branded magnets. Jay is working on getting bids for Ely United Methodist Shirts to be made. Dana has secured give-a-way branded pens. The invitation letter is prepared as is just waiting for the additional information to be included before sending. The committee is looking into preparing give-a-way DVDs with church historical information and the power Point Presentation. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 1st.

2. **Summer 4 Church BBQ:** The committee met and decided that the BBQ will be held on August 13th starting at 12:00 noon at Semers park. The building rent is \$80 and includes all tables and chairs. The Park has a playground, volleyball court, beach and swimming. The grill will be delivered to the park by Northland Market, and food will come from Northland Market. The churches will purchase the meats and all the condiments. The burgers will be thawed on Saturday before the BBQ and the Brats will be par boiling before the BBQ so that cooking will take less time. Set-up will take place Saturday evening. Motion by Lucy Diesslin that our church will pick up the cost of the building rental to reserve the building; Second/Butch Diesslin. Unanimous.
3. **Mail Box at the Parsonage:** Butch has agreed to take on the project. The Postmaster has already approved the placement at the same location where it was originally placed. The swing-a-way post will run as much as \$200. Butch indicated he has a Mail Box he is willing to donate. Motion by Lucy Diesslin to provide up to \$200.00 to complete the project: Second/Margie Olson. Unanimous.
4. **Love Offering:** A Free Will Love Offering will be taken on June 11th to present at the Minnesota Annual United Methodist Church Conference. An announcement to that effect will be in the Sunday Bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Lay Minister Seminar for Break Through Renewal Institute:** Dana presented a program designed to Refresh, Renew & Revitalize our church through a 2 day program held at the Hubbard MN United Methodist Church September 14-15, 2017. Dana would like to see at least 4 of our church members attend, ideally 2 from the Visioning Committee and 2 from the Ad Council. The UMW have allocated \$360 for two scholarships and Dana asked the Ad Council if the church would contribute 2 additional scholarships. Motion by Margie Olson to allocate \$360 from the general fund for 2 scholarships to the Seminar: Second/Bonnie Berglund. Unanimous.
2. **Background Checks for Church Volunteers Working With Kids:** Motion by Margie Olson to approve funds for background checks for all church volunteers working with kids on the after school program the Visioning Committee is preparing. Cost per person checked is \$32.50: Second by Lucy Diesslin. Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mark reported receiving a thank you from the Northwoods Partners for the \$100 gift sent to them from funds generated at the Lenten Supper.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Graduation Reception Invitations to our church family have been posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

The Women's Friendship Dinner will be held on May 31st at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Jay Tomlinson, Ad Council Chair for Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary