

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church  
Wednesday, March 20 2024 10-11:50 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:04 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge and Margie read a short devotion and prayer. Eight UMW members were present: Lucy Diesslin, Linda Hane, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco, Jeanne Tomlinson, Pam Turnbull. Pastor Craig also attended.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the February 21 meeting were read. A minor typo was noted (“do” instead of “due” under New Business/Carefree Living). A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Linda Hane, second by Pam Turnbull. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sharon Luthens reported that the Highland Bank issue of an incorrect service charge has again occurred. She’ll be addressing that with the bank. Expenses since our February meeting were: \$131.25 for cleaning (Emma Debeltz), \$111.12 for pasty pan liners and \$72.40 for church supplies. Current account balances \$6,761.63 for checking, \$1,639.83 for savings and \$10,000 for the 9-month CD which will mature in October of this year. Lucy Diesslin moved we accept the Treasurer’s Report; second by Pam Turnbull. Motion passed.

### Old Business

- **Trustee Overflow Room project:** Pam Turnbull reported that injury & illness issues for some key participants have delayed some of the work. Next steps are for Jacob & Zach to work on building the cabinets; Rusco Plumbing to handle the required plumbing work; removing the current radiator and to evaluate and decide on alternative heating and electrical wiring set up.
- **Note Cards:** Linda Hane reported that the Ad Council had recommended we charge \$5 for 10 cards instead of twenty. Pam Turnbull moved that we do that; second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Motion passed.
- **Carefree Living Coffee:** Margie Olson reported that we now have 4 church members currently residing in Carefree Living (Cathy Sorjanen, LaVerne Lindholm, Bonnie Berglund and Georgine Richards) and asked for ideas about best times to set up a coffee time with them. With various schedules considered, it was agreed to suggest a time around 2 PM on Thursday, April 25. Margie will contact the four ladies to work out a firm date & time.
- **Rule of Christ luncheon expenses:** Margie Olson reported that she had talked with Jay Tomlinson and he had decided to make the luncheon expenses a donation.

### New Business

- **Cleaning Service:** Margie Olson reported she had spoken with Rachel Brophrey to become a replacement for Emma Debeltz who has not been a reliable custodian. Pam Turnbull moved that Margie proceed with making it official; second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Motion passed.
- **Bazaar/Coffee-Desserts/Rummage Sale fundraisers:** The EUMC Ad Council has suggested that the UMW look into doing additional fundraisers to generate more funds for the current overflow room project as well as future possible remodeling projects. Pam Turnbull suggested we look at doing a rummage sale that would excluding clothing. It was suggested we do it on the same day of the All-City Garage Sale (Saturday May 18) and hold it out of the parsonage garage. Pastor Craig will have items in the parsonage itself that he needs to get rid of before he moves so this works out well. She offered to coordinate it and Margie Olson, Patty Rusco & Linda Hane

also offered to help with that. We also discussed the idea of a bazaar/coffee-desserts/cardamom bread idea and decided that we could look into doing that in the fall, only not a crafts bazaar just a cardamom bread/bake sale with coffee & desserts. We'll discuss this in more detail at a future meeting.

- **Church Handbook:** Margie Olson reported the Ad Council is updating the Church Handbook and asked each group to review the current information and make recommended changes. We added verbiage that our monthly meeting times were from September through May and we changed the line "Coordinate bi-annual bazaar" to "Coordinate fundraising activities as needed".
- **Coffee Pot:** Margie Olson announced that she was going to purchase a new 12-cup coffee maker to replace the current slow one.
- **Chair pads:** Patty Rusco asked if we could perhaps set up a better storage arrangement for the chair pads that are currently stored in a plastic trash bag under the cupboards in front of the organ motor closet. We agreed that a large container would be a good idea. Patty will get one and then we'll work out where it will be placed.
- **Church Directory:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the on-line app for our new church directory is now available and anyone who had an email address in the directory was sent a unique ID to download a copy to their phone. She briefly demonstrated some of the easy-to-uses features of the app.
- **Ely Podcast:** Pam Turnbull reported that she had participated in a podcast interview with Lacey Squier about our church and our pasty-making that also included a lot of Ely Methodist Church history. Lacey had come to our January pasty-making and helped out as well as filming and interviewing workers.
- **Next Pasties:** Our next pasty-making will be April 15-16.

At 11:15 we adjourned our business meeting and read Chapter 10 of our *Rich in the Things that Count the Most* study book which talked about having a "Because of" faith versus an "In order to" faith and that our gratitude for God's unending love should make us want to (1) rejoice always, (2) pray without ceasing and (3) give thanks in all circumstances.

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Secretary