

PELLA CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Council members present were: Tim Averett, President, David Christensen, James Carlsen, Darla Dahl, Vice President and JC Youngquist. Missing council members were Kaci Dean, Linda Wick, Bec Kallevig and Kelly Johnson, Secretary. Also in attendance was Lance Averett, Treasurer, Pastor Barb Haugerud and Janelle Leader Lamb. Visitors in attendance were confirmation students Ryatt Wick and James Snow.

AGENDA/REPORTS

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Averett at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Barb led an opening prayer/devotion.

Minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting were read and approved with a motion from David and a second from JC.

Lance Averett gave the financial report which was also handed out in written form including the dedicated funds report and balance sheet. The General Fund income from offerings for September was \$29,648.97 compared to \$22,280.48 in August. General Fund expenses for September were \$29,828.81 compared to the August expenses of \$28,979.78. The year-to-date change in the General Fund is -\$19,457.76. The checking account has a balance of \$74,869.67. The Money Market account is \$169,107.41. The Stockman Bank CD value remains at \$90,000.00. This report was also unanimously approved.

Pastor Barb went through her written report noting she served at 1 graveside service, 1 burial, 1 wedding/wedding rehearsal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee. There was a written report submitted. Highlights were Wednesday Bible School started on September 13 with 58 children in pre-k through Grade 5 attending. There are 32 Confirmation students attending classes and also the LYO numbers have been great with an average of 15-18 students each Wednesday night. There are a lot of great volunteer leaders in each of these groups that make this all possible.

Property & Grounds Committee - Lee Troudt will be contacted about blowing out the sprinklers systems. Pella's snow equipment will need to be serviced and checked out before being used this winter. A leak in the roof above where the northeast storage room is located was discovered. Thiel's Roofing has been called to inspect and give a quote.

Pella Pantry Committee – No meeting.

Membership & Outreach Committee – Meeting but no minutes.

Stewardship Committee – No meeting.

Worship Committee – reviewed the submitted written minutes from meeting. Copyright licenses are due in October. Janet Spracklin will resume directing choir at 8:15 Sunday mornings. Next meeting will be November 6, 2023.

Library Committee – No meeting.

Endowment Committee – No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Locking up of church: October – Darla Dahl; November – Tim Averett

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday so the Worship Committee is still deciding service times.

We will need **pulpit supply** for Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Becky Reidle, **Parish Assistant** has **resigned** from her position. Her last day will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023. We thank her for her service to our church.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Christensen, acting Secretary for Kelly Johnson