

With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve
Pella Congregational Council Minutes
April 9, 2024

Council members present:

Darla Dahl, Kelly Johnson, Bec Kallevig, Jamie Carlsen, JC Youngquist, Joanna Horsburg, Kristin Larson, Janelle Lamb, Lance Averett, Pastor Barb Haugerud. Visitor: Leddy Larson

The meeting was opened with discussion of our favorite gift and prayer.

March meeting minutes were approved as presented.

A thank you letter was read from MSU for our donation to their campus ministry. Additionally, there was a request from the Richland County Library for donation to their summer reading program. (This is not something we have donated to in the past)

Financial Report

Lance Averett gave the March financial report. The general fund offerings for March were \$26,158.95. This does not include Easter Sunday. This will be accounted for in the April funds. Our March expenses were \$30,967.28. The Yellowstone Bank checking account is \$28,478.18. The Set Free to Serve Account is \$21,695.01. The council voted favorably to accept this monthly report.

Pastor Report

Pastor Barb submitted a written pastoral report. The council expressed their appreciation for the work done during Lent and Easter. March was also a busy month with a wedding and two funerals.

Committee Reports

Christian Education submitted a written report from their committee meeting. A lot of volunteers are needed for the upcoming Summer Vacation Bible School.

Property and Grounds- This committee has met and has received one bid to seal the parking lot. They are awaiting another bid. The council may have to approve the bid via text messaging, if needed before the May council meeting. Additionally, the council awaits a bid for new concrete by the handicap entrance.

Stewardship and Membership Outreach-met this past Sunday to discuss how we are engaging our current members. We also discussed ways to encourage members to attend worship.

- a. If you see someone who hasn't been at worship in a while, let them know you have missed them.
- b. We want all Pella women to know that they are welcome to attend the Faith Circle. A suggestion was made to "change" the name of the circle as there is an impression that this circle has its existing members with perhaps not room for more. If the group was called "Women of Pella" might appear more open to new people attending.
- c. We should give paper copies of the monthly newsletter to the families that attend Wednesday school, in case they do not receive our emails. (at least occasionally)
- d. At Wednesday evening check in, we should have a "poster" stating Help Pella Help our Community— with the monthly incoming and outgoing dollars, as we have been doing in the bulletins!
- e. Have a QR code developed for people who need or might give \$ digitally.
- f. All areas of the church NEED volunteers, especially now that we are short one staff member whose job it was to fill volunteer slots. The sign-up sheets in the entry are helping recruit needed volunteers, but there are always more volunteers needed.

Endowment Committee- submitted a written report. Of note, Jamie Malsam met with the group to go over their Edward Jones account information.

Personnel Committee- is in the process of working out the plan to compensate the office staff for their extra work in the interim as no one has been hired yet to fill Becky Reidle's position. Becky is still putting in a few hours here and there which is helpful. There is flexibility with this position, as to days and times worked, etc.

Old Business

The lock up duty for April is Joanna Horsburgh. In May, it will be Linda Wick.

There is still a need for one member on the nominating committee. Please consider someone that you might ask to fill this role.

New Business

Kelly will check with the library committee to see if they would be willing to donate for the summer reading program, either in books, or in a financial gift.

The names of Aiden Anderson, Jared Anderson, Holden Boehler, Cooper Brown, Hitch Horsburgh, Tristan Lamb, Andrew Savage, Sophia Schoepp, Jayda Strait, Kendal Vitt, and Colter Volkman were presented for confirmation. The council voted favorably to accept these names and they will be confirmed on May 5th.

The council felt the entirety of the council minutes should not be made public on Facebook, due to confidentiality and other concerns.

Darla reported that she met with the confirmation students to share with them what it is like to be on council, and the types of things we do. She was impressed with their questions and interest in the church. Darla wondered if having a youth on the council might be beneficial.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnson, Secretary