

With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve
Pella Congregational Council Minutes
December 5, 2023

Council members present: David Christensen, Linda Wick, Darla Dahl, James Carlsen, Tim Averett, Kelly Johnson, Lance Averett, Janelle Leader Lamb, Pastor Barb Haugerud. Three confirmation students -Violet Frank, Danny Carlsen, and Alia King.

Council Reports

The meeting was opened with discussion and prayer. The November minutes were approved.

Lance Averett reported that the general fund offerings for November totaled \$24,993.42. The November expenses were \$27,880.11. The Yellowstone Bank checking account balance is at \$74,213.45. The money market account is at \$170,057.81. Interest earned on this account was \$313.91. The Set Free to Serve Account had an increase of \$3,730.00 for the month, and now totals \$10,032.01 The financial report for the month was approved by the council present.

Pastor Barb submitted her written report. She reported an enjoyable and much needed vacation occurred in November. She reported that the church staff remaining after Becky's resignation are trying to cover her jobs until someone new is hired. Lance Averett will take on more of the financial duties that Becky completed. We will put out signup sheets for volunteer opportunities, and see if there may be a way to cover this responsibility with committee work, which could also be something that we could pay someone to do. Erin Biebl is preparing a flyer to pass out at the Wednesday meal.

Committee Reports

Christian Education - Linda Wick reviewed the submitted written report from the committee meeting on November 27. Of note, the budget for the upcoming year was proposed at \$12,000. There are strong numbers attending confirmation with 31 average attendees. The Wednesday school averages 55 students, and LYO averages 16.

Property and Grounds - James Carlsen and David Christensen reported a budget has been prepared and will be given to the budget committee.

Pella Pantry - Kelly Johnson thanked the council for approving the expenditures for the proceeds from the booth.

Library Committee - Kelly Johnson reported that the library committee has met and weeded out books in the library. Additionally, some new Bibles have been ordered for Bible studies.

Old Business

Kelly Johnson has agreed to church lock up duties for January, and Kaci Dean will lock up Dec. 10. After that, we will need some volunteers. We will organize this via text messages.

New Business

The Council approved the updated Parish Assistant job description for the policy book.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnson, Secretary