

Pella Council Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm August 8, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Randy Iversen at 7:00 pm. A devotional reading about grace was shared by Randy.

Members Present: Sue Andersen, Erin Anderson, April Boehler, Jody Christensen, Randy Iversen, John Nelson, Vanessa Pooch, Travis Rosaaen, and Natalie West. Members with excused absences were Diane Savage and Pastor Joel Westby.

Visitor Concerns and Information Sharing: None

Additions/Alterations to the Agenda: With Diane Savage being absent, the item of Constitution/Bylaws/Handbook Review (under Old Business) will not be discussed.

Minutes: Travis Rosaaen made a motion to approve the July Council minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Pooch and was approved.

Financial Report: John Nelson gave the financial report. The Checking Account has a balance of \$88,797.53 and the General Fund balance is \$18,537.50. The Set Free to Serve Loan balance is currently at \$675,172.18. Some discussion was held regarding the sign fund, the estimated cost of a new sign, and potential location of a new sign. It was noted that this is still in the discussion phase, and would be brought before Council by Property & Grounds when it progresses. Randy also mentioned that he would like to hold another Table Talk regarding the financials during coffee hour. He tentatively set the date as September 10th. Discussion was held regarding Pella's year to date contributions to the Synod Benevolence, World Hunger, Global Missions, and Rocky Boy. John presented a summary of how much we had contributed to date, and how much we would need to contribute to bring us current as of June 2017. Sue Andersen made a motion to approve payments totaling \$4,979 as follows: ELCA Synod Benevolence \$3,168; ELCA World Hunger \$750; Global Missions \$228; Rocky Boy – Mission Part \$833. Motion was seconded by Natalie West. Motion was voted on and passed. Vanessa Pooch made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. April Boehler seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed.

Pastor's Report: In Pastor Joel's absence, Randy Iversen gave the Pastor's Report. A summary of Pastor Joel's activities since July 10 was read, along with his upcoming schedule. A summary of building uses, upcoming building uses, and worship attendance was also reviewed.

Reformation 500 Task Force: April Boehler reported on the meeting held July 20th. She stated the committee is still finalizing plans/dates. They are thinking of having a special meal on October 28th, along with the showing of the Rick Steve's video titled "Luther and the Reformation", an ecumenical worship service on October 22nd, and possible Adult Ed activities. She reiterated that the Stewardship campaign would run in November so that the activities wouldn't overlap. April stated that Pastor Joel also wanted to do something along the lines of "Where in the World are Lutherans". April invited anyone interested to attend the next meeting, which is on August 24th at 4 pm.

Worship & Music Committee: Nothing to report.

Call Committee: Nothing to report.

Christian Education Committee: Erin Anderson reported on behalf of the Christian Education Committee. VBS was discussed and next year's dates and theme were decided upon. Rolling River Rampage VBS will be held June 18-22, 2018. Wednesday night programs will start September 6th and Janelle is cleaning, organizing, and ordering supplies. She will also be contacting individuals for the WBS teacher/LYO guide positions. Publicity will include Facebook, e-mail, website and postcards. The Sparks curriculum will be used again. The adult book study The Resilient Reformer has been completed and Table Talks will continue during Reformation 500. There may also be a study on Martin Luther's 95 Theses. The next meeting is August 15th at 5:30 pm.

Property and Grounds Committee: Jody Christensen reported on behalf of the Property and Grounds Committee. She stated that the Committee decided that no additional cameras were needed, that 4 fire extinguishers are ready to install in the basement, and that they are dealing with an ant problem in the kitchen. They also discussed having Handicap parking spot lines painted instead of just the signage. She stated they are also working on an agreement for occupation of the parsonage by the next pastor so that the new pastor would know what is expected of them as far as caring for the parsonage as it is part of the church property. Jody also presented a picture of a design by Ross Rosaaen that could be added to the exterior curved part of the church addition. The Committee is still discussing the design and Jody stated that Ross would donate part as a memorial to his mom, with the rest being paid for from the Memorial Sign Fund. She stated that potential placement for a new church sign was also discussed. They still haven't received a bid on changing lights in the Fellowship Hall or an estimate on the cost for the sewer repairs. The Committee has also started compiling a list of "to do" items for the church-wide cleaning. A list is in the office if anyone has suggestions. Also, groups will be organized with leaders to assist with certain areas (i.e. kitchen, education, etc.) so that items still usable are not removed.

Pella Pantry: No meeting, but Travis Rosaaen reported that he felt the new burgers cooked better and were tastier than in prior years. John stated that upon a preliminary money count, gross income was about \$1,500 higher than last year. It was noted that the price of burgers and cheeseburgers had both been increased by \$0.50 this year.

Outreach Committee: Natalie West reported that she had visited with almost all the individuals who had been suggested by Council as potential Committee members. She stated she had 10 people who had agreed to come to an organizational meeting. Natalie asked that if anyone had suggestions or topics of discussion for the meeting that they let her know. She was hoping to get a meeting organized during September.

Stewardship Committee: Nothing to report.

Endowment Committee: Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

As stated earlier, the Constitution/Bylaws/Handbook review will be discussed next meeting.

Council Objectives/Goals for 2017 were discussed. All objectives are progressing and have been discussed earlier in the meeting. Discussion was held regarding potential additional storage needed for the Cub Scout Pack. It was determined that no additional space is needed – and that care would be taken to make sure their items were not removed during the church-wide cleaning. It was also decided that discussion on additional travel cost funding for individuals interested in the Lay Pastoral Class would be tabled until the next meeting. There was no other Old Business.

New Business: Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned by Jody Christensen making the motion and Travis Rosaaen seconding the motion. It was voted on and passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted,

Erin Anderson, Secretary