

Pella Council Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm June 6, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Randy Iversen at 7:00 pm. A devotional reading on the gift of the Holy Spirit was offered by Randy.

Members Present: All members were in attendance with the exception of Erin Anderson who was excused.

Visitor Concerns and Information Sharing: A visitor presentation was offered by Thrivent representatives Ron Gebhardt and Harvey Senn. They extended information regarding Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams and how each can be used to benefit nonprofit entities such as Pella.

Visitor, Bill Iversen was recognized as a member of the Call Committee and he offered the following statement for Council consideration on behalf of that committee. "The call committee recommends that the council call a special congregational meeting to discuss and vote on extending a call to Reverend Eric John Olsen." Following discussion on procedural protocol, it was agreed a special meeting will be held on June 28 to consider the call committee's recommendation.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 9th meeting were reviewed and approved upon motion made by Sue Andersen and seconded by Travis Rosaaen following a vote of six in favor with one dissent.

Financial Report: The report was offered by Treasurer, John Nelson. Upon his review of the current balance, John recommended that the Council authorize payment of the quarterly Synod benevolence. Following discussion of payment timing issues, a motion was made by Vanessa Pooch and seconded by April Boehler that payment be currently forwarded. The motion carried with one opposing vote. Following conclusion of the remainder of the financial report by John the report was unanimously approved by vote following a motion made by Travis Rosaaen and seconded by Jody Christensen.

Reformation Task Force Report: A report on the Reformation Task Force Committee was made by Sue Andersen. She reviewed ideas that have been exchanged with more defined schedule to be discussed at a committee meeting scheduled for June 27.

Standing Committees: Reports were made by Council representatives of those standing committees that met during the preceding month:

Worship & Music Committee: Sue Andersen reported that the Worship and Music Committee had met. An offered committee suggestion is that there should be two Easter Services (e.g. a sunrise service in addition to the traditional service at the usual worship hour). Sue also reviewed plans for a special summer worship service with a hymn focus.

Christian Education Committee: Vanessa Pooch reported on the many programs under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee including Wednesday Bible School, Confirmation and LYO. She also updated the Council on plans and preparations for Vacation Bible School the week of June 19-23.

Outreach Committee: Natalie West reported on progress to identify and contact potential Outreach committee members and plan for an organizational meeting.

Old Business:

President Randy then recognized for review and discussion the Pella Lutheran Church Handbook as presented by Diane Savage. Areas of modifications not previously addressed related to Senior Pastor and Custodian responsibilities were discussed and recommendations made for language changes prior to unanimous approval of its adoption upon motion made by Sue Andersen and seconded by Jody Christensen. Diane also reported that Pella's draft revised constitution had been forwarded to the Synod for preview for conformity with the Synod model constitution and has been returned for our consideration of recommended conforming changes which are currently being addressed.

Council Objectives/Goals for 2017 were reviewed and recognized as progressing.

Plans for interim meetings of the Personnel Committee and the Council related to a pastoral call will be held as determined necessary.

There was no other Old Business.

New Business: None

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was closed upon motion by Natalie West and seconded by Sue Andersen and unanimous vote of the membership.

Respectively Submitted,

Diane Savage, recording secretary