

With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve

PELLA CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 9, 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS in attendance were Tim Averett, David Christensen, JC Youngquist, Kelly Johnson, Bec Kallevig; Linda Wick, Kaci Dean. Non-voting members Lance Averett (Treas.) and Pastor Barb Haugerud, Janelle Lamb. Meeting was called to order by Pres. Tim Averett. Opening Prayer/Devotion was conducted by Pastor Barb.

VISITOR CONCERNS & INFORMATION SHARING: Council members shared with one another a time when they were helped by or helped a stranger. A thank you from the foodbank was received for the donation of \$3,820 in the 2022 calendar year.

COUNCIL REPORTS

The minutes of the April 2023 council meeting was reviewed and approved.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Lance Averett. The current month's income is \$27,945.16 with expenses at \$28,961.55. Our checking account balance is \$115,983.58. We sent \$28,260 to the sign company, which came from the \$46,100 that we received from insurance coverage. The report was approved. The council had a discussion regarding "sharing" this information monthly with the congregation, both as a slide at the beginning of church, and in the monthly newsletter. Additionally, the council discussed whether or not to start up offering plate passing again. We decided we like the "new" method best, with donation plates at each door. However, we agreed that we need to remind the congregation, especially when there are larger crowds or guests, how we collect offering.

The Pastor's written report was distributed and reviewed by the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A verbal report for the **Property & Grounds Committee** was provided. There is no new information in regards to installation of sand points. It was reported that the main parsonage continues to have back up sewer issues and is awaiting the contractor to fix this issue. David Christensen reported that the scout troop will replace the rocks that surround the church with decorative rubber or some such material, so that the mower won't throw up rocks that break windows. This recently happened. That window is on order and is being replaced. The scouts have also agreed to paint parking lot lines, once the needed parking lot work is reviewed. The east door of the church will be painted in the near future. Finally, a spring/summer cleaning day will be planned for July or August once summer camp is over.

Membership Outreach committee met, and a written report was provided. Highlights included a discussion on the possibility of a new directory in the future. A suggestion of ushers wearing name tags was provided, and an outdoor service is being considered.

OLD BUSINESS

President Tim updated us on the call process. All is on schedule for a congregational vote on May 21st. A virtual meeting was conducted by the council to extend to Pastor Barb a Letter of call. The congregation will be voting to extend her a Letter of Call. The electronic sign is still "in progress" of being replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

A report regarding confirmation was given. All confirmands were able to attend on the same Sunday which was just wonderful.

Ron and Yvonne Gebhardt and Pastor Barb will be attending the synod assembly in June.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting will be on June 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnson
Secretary