

**PELLA CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

Council members present were: Tim Averett, President, Kaci Dean, David Christensen, Linda Wick, and Bec Kallevig. Also in attendance were Lance Averett, Treasurer and Pastor Barb Haugerud. Visitors in attendance were confirmation students Dallas Brown, Year 2, and Cooper Brown, Year 3.

AGENDA/REPORTS

Meeting called to order by President Tim Averett at 7:04 pm. Pastor Barb led an opening prayer.

Minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting were read and approved as reported.

Lance Averett gave the financial report which was also handed out in written form including the dedicated funds report and balance sheet. The General Fund income from offerings for October was \$35,031.22 compared to \$29,648.97 last month. General Fund expenses were \$30,843.60 compared to \$29,828.81 last month. The year to date change in the General Fund is -\$15,261.14 which matches the current year changes on page two of the Balance Sheet and compares to -\$19,457.76 last month. This is an improvement of \$4,196.62 compared to last month.

The Balance Sheet shows our Yellowstone Bank checking account with a balance of \$78,676.31, compared to \$74,869.67 last month. The Money Market account is \$169,743.90 compared to \$169,420.14 last month. Interest earned was \$323.76.

The Set Free/Future Repairs report shows a Stockman Bank checking balance of \$6,302.01 compared to \$5,802.01 last month. An increase of \$500 this month. The "Stockman Bank CD" value remains at \$90,000.00. Minutes approved as reported.

Pastor Barb went through her written report noting she served at 1 memorial, and 1 baptism.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee—No meeting.

Property & Grounds—The Boy scouts finished placing the mulch last night. The bill has been submitted to the office. The leak in the roof is fixed. Theil Brother's patched the roof. The drain in the pastor's house was plugged and that is now fixed. No major repairs were needed for that. Mark will look into the plug for the kitchen. The sprinklers did get blown out before the snowfall. The curb painting will be done next spring. Written report submitted for review.

Pella Pantry Committee—Proposed donation of 2023 Pella Pantry Proceeds as follows:

Quilters	\$1,500.00	RC Food Bank	\$ 600.00
Sr. LYO	\$1,000.00	ROI	\$ 600.00
Set Free/Bldg Repair Fund	\$1,000.00	Domestic Violence	\$ 600.00
Pella Disc. Fund	\$ 500.00	Matthew House	\$ 600.00
Pella Pantry Repair Fund	\$ 588.75	Emmaus House	\$ 600.00
Pella Pantry	\$1,000.00	<u>Eastern MT Mental Health</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
UMM	\$ 600.00	2023 PP Proceeds	\$10,788.75
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 600.00		

*Addendum to the minutes: on Thursday November 9, 2023 the proposed donations from PELLA PANTRY were reviewed and approved via text by the council members. Jamie Carlsen moved to approve the donations, Dave Christensen second.

Membership & Outreach Committee Meeting—Reviewed the submitted written minutes from the meeting. God's work, Our Hands Service Day, would like to have a Sunday afternoon to have a Clean-up day prior to the holiday season. Continuing work on the Membership directory, possibly start taking pictures on December 3rd with more dates to follow.

Stewardship Committee—no report

Worship Committee—Written report submitted for review. Advent services planned. Christmas Eve day services will be 9 am, as it is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve services will be at 3 pm and 7 pm. There will be no Christmas Day services. The budget was also reviewed and submitted at \$8,050 versus \$8,600 last year.

Library Committee—They are getting the shelves cleaned slowly.

Endowment Committee—No meeting.

Personal Committee—It was discussed at the meeting that Laura Senior would give a talk and raise awareness for Parish assistant. Laura went to job service to have it posted as well. There is a meeting scheduled at the end of NOVEMBER to discuss further. Becky has been ordering so that the church is good for the end of the year. Becky has been trying to ease the transition as much as possible. Lance can write the checks as well. Job share is a possibility as well.

Old Business

Locking up of church: November—Tim Averett; December—Available council members, group text.

New Business

Christmas Eve 9 am morning service, 3 pm service and 7 pm service. Linda motioned, Bec seconded. Motion passed.

For December 22nd prior to Christmas office staff can have half a day off per policy Christmas Eve is normally the half-day. Council voted to allow staff to have Friday off instead because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday.

Tim, David, Jody Christensen and two lay members will be on the nominating committee.

Pella pantry and funds will be discussed at the next meeting. *PLEASE SEE Addendum under the committee sections for the funds.

Annual meeting will be set for January 28th, 2024.

Next meeting Dec 5th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaci Dean, acting Secretary for Kelly Johnson