

With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve
Pella Congregational Council Minutes
February 6, 2024

Council members present- Linda Wick, Darla Dahl, James Carlsen, Kelly Johnson, Joanna Horsburgh, Kristin Larson, Lance Averett, Janelle Leader Lamb, Pastor Barb Haugerud. Year 3 confirmation student - Andrew Savage

Guest: Laura Senior

Council Reports

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

Lance Averett reported that the general fund offerings for January totaled \$27,809.57. The January expenses were \$27,721.19. The Yellowstone Bank checking account balance is at \$83,014.74. The money market account is at \$170,708.38. Interest earned on this account was \$325.60. The Set Free to Serve Account has a balance of \$18,580.01. The financial report for the month was approved by the council members present. Additionally, Lance reported that he would like to have another "signer" for checks. Becky Reidle has been this person, and at this time we need someone else. Laura Senior may be willing, and will consider this going forward. Finally, the council held discussion regarding the balance in the checking account. We all felt it would be beneficial to move more of this money to the money market account, to earn interest, rather than have such a large balance in the checking account. Lance will explore easy options and let us know of some ideas.

Pastor Barb submitted her written report.

President Darla Dahl welcomed the new council members. Additionally, the council elected a new vice president. The name of JC Youngquist was presented for this position. The motion was voted upon favorably by all council members present. The name of Kelly Johnson was presented to continue in her position of secretary. The motion was favorable.

Committee Reports

Christian Education - Linda Wick reviewed the most recent meeting of the committee. Linda reported she would like to be on a different committee for her final year on the council. Of interest, only two LYO members have committed to New Orleans. There will be no Wednesday educational offerings on March 6th, as the Sidney schools have spring break.

Property and Grounds - James Carlson reported that the southwest parking lot must be repaired. The council would like James to explore the cost of concrete, and get a bid. That way we can make informed decision regarding the needs of this parking lot.

Personnel Committee - Laura Senior, member of this committee came to the council to discuss compensation for current Pella staff who are picking up the duties of Becky Reidle. The council would like the three affected staff to meet and decide a fair percentage break down of splitting Becky's salary, until such a time that a new person is hired. Lance Averett is volunteering his effort, so his percentage would be for a donation to an ELCA project of his choice. (ex. The World Hunger program). They will contact Darla when they have decided upon an amount and we will discuss via text messaging.

Worship Committee - The council made a motion to have only one service for Easter this year. The motion was favorable. It will be the 9 a.m. service only. The 4-H club will do an Easter Egg Hunt after the service. There will be six total Lenten Wednesday evening services at 6:45 p.m. this year.

Old Business

Darla Dahl has agreed to church lock up duties for February, and Kristin Larson will lock up in March. After that, we will need some volunteers.

Names were needed for the nomination committee. Shawn Dahl has agreed to serve. It was mentioned to ask the two members who were not selected to council to serve on this committee. (Hailee Moore, and Curtis Anderson). Darla will check with them. Linda Wick agreed to serve on this committee as well.

New Business

The Council members decided which committees to serve on for the 2024 term. Christian Education-Megan Coryell.

Property and Grounds-James Calsen. Personnel: JC Youngquist, Darla Dahl, Pella Pantry-Kelly Johnson, Membership and Outreach-Becky Kallevig, Stewardship Committee-Kristin Larson, Worship Committee-Linda Wick, Library Committee-Joanna Horsburgh, Endowment Committee-JC Youngquist, Darla Dahl.

The meeting was closed with the Lords prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnson, Secretary