

**With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve**  
**Pella Congregational Council Minutes**  
**January 9, 2024**

Council members Present - David Christensen, Darla Dahl, Kaci Dean, Bec Kallevig, Tim Averett, Kelly Johnson, JC Youngquist, Lance Averett, Janelle Leader Lamb, Pastor Barb Haugerud. 3 Guest Students-Taya Schepens, Kinsey Nagle, and Colter Volkman.

**Council Reports**

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

Lance Averett reported that the general fund offerings for December totaled \$36,390.07. The December expenses were \$27,472.24. The Yellowstone Bank checking account balance is at \$85,892.05. The money market account is at \$170,382.78. Interest earned on this account was \$324.87. The Set Free to Serve Account had an increase of \$7,673.00 for the month, and now totals \$17,705.01. The financial report for the month was approved by the council members present. Additionally, Lance reviewed the entirety of the 2023 expenditures, as well as the upcoming 2024 budget which will be presented to the church at the annual meeting.

Pastor Barb submitted her written report.

**Committee Reports**

The Endowment Committee met December 19<sup>th</sup> and submitted their written report. The Endowment committee determined their designated year-end financial gifts to various location written in their report.

**Old Business**

Kelly Johnson has agreed to church lock up duties for January, and Darla Dahl will do lock up duties in February.

At this time, there have been no applicants for Becky Reidle's position at the church, and all are encouraged to talk to people that might be a good fit for the position.

**New Business**

The Council approved the 2024 budget, which included the pay raises of 3% for staff. Kelly moved, Kaci seconded.

The annual meeting will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> and the council will serve as hostesses for the meeting. (set-up and clean-up). The council approved the agenda for the annual meeting.

Finally, the council discussed the needed nominees for various open positions which will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnson, Secretary