

With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve
Pella Congregational Council Minutes
September 5, 2023

Council members present: David Christensen, Linda Wick, Darla Dahl, James Carlsen, Bec Kallevig, Kelly Johnson, Lance Averett, Janelle Leader Lamb, Pastor Barb Haugerud. No visitors present.

Council Reports

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

Lance reported that the general fund offerings for August totaled \$22,280.48. The August expenses were \$28,979.78. The Yellowstone Bank checking account balance is at \$77,893.77. The money market account is at \$169,107.41. Interest earned on this account was \$322.54. The Set Free to Serve Account had an increase of \$800 for the month, and now totals \$95,402.01. \$90,000 from this account has now been moved to a nine-month CD with 4.75% interest. The financial report for the month was approved by the council present.

Pastor Barb did not have a written report, but gave a verbal report. She reported that the church staff is gearing up for the start of the new year for the Wednesday programming. She reported volunteers are in place and ready to begin. She thanked the council for their work and effort at her Installation ceremony. She also reported that the parsonage sewer repairs seem to be working well. Additionally, the parsonage lost a tree in a recent storm.

Committee Reports

Christian Education-Linda Wick reviewed the submitted report from the committee meeting on August 15th. Of note, on September 10th, the preschool, 3rd and 6th graders will be receiving Bibles at the service. A group of teens are working with Janelle on attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in the summer of 2024.

Property and Grounds—James and David reported that the Brian Holst will be donating pit liner for the perimeter of the building, where the Scouts are replacing rocks with mulch. Eggum will be sealing the front steps at some time in the future.

Pella Pantry-Kelly reported that we will know our profits once all the bills have been submitted. We were still waiting on Reynolds.

Membership and Outreach-Bec reported that the outdoor service was moved indoors due to weather this summer. Also, she reported that new members were welcomed on August 27th.

Old Business

Kelly Johnson has agreed to church lock up duties for September, and Darla Dahl will take care of October duties.

New Business

The Council approved up to \$800 for the purchase of the mulch for the Scouts to place around the building. Moved by Kelly and seconded by Linda.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnson, Secretary