

**With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve**  
**PELLA CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 11, 2023**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** in attendance were Tim Averett, David Christensen, Jamie Carlsen, Kelly Johnson, Kaci Dean and Darla Dahl. Absent: JC Youngquist, Bec Kallevig, and Linda Wick. Non-voting members present were Lance Averett (Treas.), Pastor Barb Haugerud and Janelle Lamb, Youth Director. Erin and Aiden Anderson, guests attending.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Tim Averett. Opening Prayer/Devotion was conducted by Pastor Barb.

**COUNCIL REPORTS** The minutes of the May 21<sup>st</sup> special congregational meeting and the June council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Lance Averett. The current month's income is \$24,805.31 with expenses at \$31,627.46. Our checking account balance is \$108,144.92. The report was approved. The Pastor's written report was distributed and reviewed by the council.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A written report of the **Property & Grounds Committee** was provided. The new digital sign was installed on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The "spring cleaning" projects will be handled by the groups that use each particular area. For example, the quilters will handle spring cleaning their area. The choir room will be cleaned by the choir, etc. The outside of the church (the window cleaning) might need a designated clean-up day. The sewer project at the north parsonage is finally going to occur Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. This project will cost \$17,500. The council approved this expenditure on June 5, via a virtual meeting.

**Membership Outreach** committee met, and written reports were provided. There is still a hope of getting a new directory in the works, sometime this fall perhaps. There will be an outdoor summer Sunday worship service on August 20<sup>th</sup>, and the installation of Pastor Barb will be held at 2:00 pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The **Pella Pantry** committee met in June. They are offering a few new menu items. First, there will be a cucumber salad. Additionally, there will be "doubles" on the burgers offered. Lance Averett will not be available during the fair this year to collect the money at the end of each fair night, so alternate plans will need to be made.

The **Christian Education** committee met, and a written report was provided. There were over 100 students attending vacation bible school at Pella. Additionally, the LYO teens will have an opportunity to attend a national gathering in 2024 in New Orleans. The theme for Wednesday programs will be Armor of God.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Tim provided updates to the Pella Constitution and by-laws that had been approved in 2018, however not technically updated on the computer. The synod office was also provided all updates on these documents as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was a motion made by Kelly Johnson and seconded by Darla Dahl to replace the sanctuary lights to LED lights at a cost of \$1,200. The motion was voted upon and approved.

There was a motion made by Darla Dahl and seconded by Jamie Carlsen that the total compensation paid to Pastor Barb Haugerud in 2023 includes \$18,000 designated as housing. The motion was voted upon and approved.

**CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Council meeting will be on August 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Johnson, Secretary