

Minutes of Pella Amateur Radio Club
November 14, 2021 - 1:30PM
Liberty Evangelical Free Church, Pella, IA

1. Present: Daniel, WØOTV; Jerald, WBØYQP; Dan, KB2FSK; Steve, WBØCHS; Roger, WØZMU; Mike, NØMPM; Alan, KFØDMS; David, WØIM and Harry, KFØGWJ.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Income
 - i. Pella Corporation grant \$ 200.00 (to repeater fund)
 - ii. Partial Year membership \$ 15.00
 - iii. Donation \$ 5.00
 - iv. October interest \$ 0.03
 - b. Balances
 - i. General Fund \$1,011.43
 - ii. Repeater fund \$ 653.81
 - iii. PENS \$ 146.27
 - c. Total Balance – all funds \$1,811.51
 - d. Pending Payment \$300 for Repeater site lease
 - e. Membership numbers: Full members – 24, Family members – 2, Total – 26
3. Update on PENS:

There are enough finances to get through the year. Jim, WBØURW is presenting a request for a grant for next year's activities.
4. Update on Scouts Radio Merit Badge:

Two sessions of an hour each have been carried out with 12 Scouts attending. While the Badge requirements do permit emphasis on other areas of radio, our focus has been on amateur radio. Mike did the first session while Justin and Roger did the second. Mike will be heading up the third session November 15. It is planned to have a fourth session dedicated to the "hands on" requirements, such as operating a station, using correct protocol. That date has not yet been set.
5. Update on planned meeting with the Pella Police and other officials:

There is a meeting scheduled by the Pella Police Chief for December 1 to meet with representatives of the club. Other officials for emergency management and the county sheriff's office were also invited. The purpose of the meeting is to share what club members might be able to offer, to hear from the officials what they see as needs that we might be able to assist with and to talk about how we might work together in the future. Justin and Roger will be attending the meeting on behalf of the Club.
6. We did a quick "around the room" sharing what has been going on with each of us.
7. This was followed by a presentation by Dan, WØOTV on operating digitally, specifically using FT-8 protocol.
8. We talked about the date and format of the next, December, meeting. It was decided that this will be a social meeting, with spouses or others, invited to join us. We will meet at the Pizza Ranch on Saturday, December 11 at 5:00 for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:00 PM on November 14, 2021.
Roger Stubbe – Secretary ad hoc