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## Consistory Minutes

January 15, 2019

**Elders Present:** Brad Alfred; Keith Hoekstra; Myron Moore; Deb Thalhuber; Arlan Van Voorst

**Deacons Present:** Todd Hopkins, Treasurer; Chad Kaemingk; Nate Kruse; Darin Svennes; Cory Wellnitz; Bret Wynja, Assistant Treasurer

**Staff Present:** Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor/Clerk

**Elders Absent:** Jeff DeYager

**Deacons Absent:**

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**Call to Order** Open with Prayer and Scripture from 2 Chronicles 7:14 by Pastor Kevin.

(8 pm as full consistory)

**Book – Growing Young** distributed at this meeting—read chapter one for next month.

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### Elders' Report – Myron Moore

- ✓ Baptism Requests –
- ✓ Professions of Faith –
- ✓ Reaffirmation of Faith – Judy Decker
- ✓ Transfers in –
- ✓ Transfers out –

People being encouraged into the ministry:

- ✓ Pat DeGroot
- ✓ Mark VanDerBrink
- ✓ Andy Hille
- ✓ Brogan Molenkamp
- ✓ Mary Morgan

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### Deacons' Report – Darin Svennes

- ✓ Will do much better on member care next month.
  - ✓ Ended the year \$1,506,053 Receipts  
Ended the year \$1,501,466 Disbursements
    - Daycare Receipts: \$527,598
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-Church Receipts: \$948,455

-Church Disbursements: \$974,369

- ✓ Going ahead with carpet, sound panels, microphone purchases, and carpet.
  - ✓ Need to make sure we let people know that this year's building fund is going to the updates and not the new building unless they let us know otherwise.
  - ✓ Missions giving education.
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### **Old Business**

- ✓ What kind of feedback was heart from the announcement on Sunday regarding Michelle Creviston? Pastor Kevin reported that most of the concerns came before the meeting. Since Sunday he has heard only positive. Others reported from a new person and a relatively new person that both commented that they appreciated what we did and that it was done very well.
  - ✓ As instructed at the previous special meeting of the consistory, I talked to Tonya Brockmueller about joining our staff on a temporary basis until at least one of our two vacant staff positions is resolved. She is willing, and for the hourly wage proposed at the previous meeting. M/S/C
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### **New Business**

- ✓ Constitutional Questions are included for your prayer and consideration. For more information about why we address these questions, please read the Book of Church Order, Article 7, Section 1 (<http://images.rca.org/docs/bco/2018BCO.pdf> Go to Page 32) We will go through our answers to the questions next month.
  - ✓ M/S/C Elect Vice-President – Myron Moore  
M/S/C Elect Treasurer – Todd Hopkins  
M/S/C Elect Clerk – Mary Morgan
  - ✓ Need to designate who is authorized to sign checks. M/S/C - Todd Hopkins, Bret Wynja, Mary Morgan
  - ✓ Pastor Kevin celebrated the letter received notifying Mary Morgan that she is officially admitted to the Reformed Church in America's Ministerial Formation Certification Agency's process for ordination to become a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
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### **M / S / C   C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

If you have questions about anything included on the consent agenda (underlined sections below), please ask before the meeting. Upon request, items can be pulled out of the consent agenda and handled individually.

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#### Previous Month's Minutes

Accept the last month's minutes.

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#### Receive 2018 Financial Report

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#### Thank You Correspondence

- ✓ Pastor Jason & Ruth Wiersma, Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield, SD
  - ✓ Inspiration Hills, Inwood, IA
  - ✓ Alpha Center, Fleet for Little Feet, Sioux Falls, SD
  - ✓ Kara Jennings, CRU Mission Trip, to Asia
  - ✓ George McGovern School, Thanksgiving Eve Offering
  - ✓ Joshua Vis, Israel/Palestine RCA Missionary
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### Executive Pastor Report – Mary Morgan

- ✓ Giving and Attendance Statistics and the financial variance and summary reports are included in the pre-meeting information.
- ✓ Hired an additional maintenance person, Brandon Bauman
- ✓ Safe Families for Children – There were 10 calls for help in December from families in distress. SFFC was able to host 8 children from 2 families. Two more children were ready to be hosted but the parent’s plans fell through. Three more are postponed to January.
  - Please pray for more family coaches and host families. Please pray that people who have expressed interested in serving with SFFC will take the next steps.
- ✓ Willing Wheels to Wellness – November
  - Avera:
    - 2 drivers gave 3 rides to 2 people
  - Safe Families for Children Family Friend:
    - 2 drivers gave 4 rides to 1 mom and child both w/Pfiever’s Syndrome
- ✓ Meetings This Month: Pastoral care and or coaching/development for 3 people totalling 6 x; Brandon Bauman, Interviewed and then did maintenance Person Orientation and Training; Bev Koopman; Info meeting w/Christian Background Check.com; Growing Young Webinar; Safe Families for Children Hosting/Coaching De-Brief; Finished W2’s and 1099’s, year-end and new year set-up w/ Alyce, Bookkeeper; Willing Wheels to Wellness Appreciation Luncheon for Drivers; New Elder/Deacon Orientation; Children and Family Ministry Team Meeting; Meeting w/People needing prayer and assistance 1x; weekly staff meetings; and met w/staff individually.
- ✓ Development:
  - Finishing Systematic Theology Class through Sioux Falls Seminary
  - Starting Basics of Biblical Hebrew and Exegesis through MFCA (Reformed Church in America’s Ministerial Formation Certification Agency)
  - Reading *Didn’t See That Coming* by Carey Nieuwhof
  - Reading *Growing Young* by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin

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### Ministry Team/Staff Reports – (See individual reports included in the pre-meeting information.)

- ✓ Children & Family Discipleship – Children & Family Ministry Team Meeting Notes from 1/10/2019
- ✓ Good News Children’s Center – Tammy Westergaard, Children’s Center Director
- ✓ Youth & Family Discipleship – Ryan Feltman, Youth & Family Pastor
- ✓ Worship Ministry – Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor
- ✓ Communications – Kayla Schnider, Communications Director

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### **Adjourn**

M / S / C to adjourn with prayer.

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