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## Consistory Minutes

May 21, 2019

**Elders Present:** President, Pastor Kevin Schneider; Brad Alfred; Jeff DeYager; Keith Hoekstra; Myron Moore, Vice-President; Deb Thalhuber; Arlan Van Voorst

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

**Staff Present:** Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor; Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor/Clerk; Kayla Schnider, Communications Pastor

**Elders Absent:**

**Deacons Absent:** Nate Kruse

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**Call to Order** Open with Prayer by Myron Moore and Scripture by Pastor Kevin – Calling of Samuel 3:1-10

(8 pm as full consistory)

**Book – Growing Young**—Reviewed survey results.

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### Elders' Report – Myron Moore

- ✓ Baptism Requests – Finley Renae, daughter of Kasey & Megan Vermeer (moving to Orange City, IA)
- ✓ Professions of Faith –
- ✓ Reaffirmation of Faith – Ken Harr
- ✓ Transfers in –
- ✓ Transfers out – Marcus & Cierra Overweg to Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley, IA

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### Deacons' Report – Darin Svenes

As we continue work on a mission policy, the majority of our time was spent hearing Brenda Boyd, from Good News Church preparing for missionary work with Simba Ministries in Kenya, JJ TenClay, RCA Missionary, and David Glader with the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls. We also approved benevolence requests for Janice Kamstra and John and Mary Anderson.

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## Old Business

Update on Connections Pastor Search Committee: The search committee chose Tyler Van Voorst for the position of Connections Pastor. Since he needs to complete his last year of college, he will be part-time, hourly staff from June 3<sup>rd</sup> September through May of 2020. After graduation, we will renegotiate his package.

Update on Children & Family Search Committee: Interviewing two candidates on Wednesday, May 22.

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## New Business

Security Team - After much research around the concern of sexual offenders who may be a part of our church, Mary Morgan recommends that Good News Church establish a security team to pay attention to who is in an around our building during Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, and other large, open-to-the-public gatherings. Need ideas on people to establish this team along with operational procedures and training. This would also include dangerous intruder training as well as become a part of our other emergency training. Consistory agreed this is the direction we need to go. Arlan Van Voorst said he would be interested in being a part of this team.

Pastor Kevin's Sabbatical Expectations: So that we are all on the same page, Bret Wynja asked that the consistory be informed on how things are going to work while Kevin is gone in June, July, and August. Following are the expectations Pastor Kevin laid out as he discussed with Myron Moore, Mary Morgan, and the staff:

Question – What about baptisms and professions of faith throughout the summer? Most will probably wait but could be done by a Reformed Church in America elder. Pastor Kevin will handle funerals. Pastor Kevin will check with Seth Dekkinga to see if Ryan Feltman could do baptisms even though he is not ordained.

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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 current month and year-to-date Financial Report

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### Thank You Correspondence

- ✓ Lance Smith, Norfolk Run for Mary
  - ✓ Feeding South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD, Something To Eat
  - ✓ Dave, Inspiration Hills, Inwood, IA
  - ✓ Cal VerMulm, Center of Hope, Sioux Falls
  - ✓ Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield, SD x2
  - ✓ Peter Nord, The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls
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- ✓ Leslee Unruh, Alpha Center, Sioux Falls
  - ✓ Renee Eggebraaten, Bethany Christian Services
  - ✓ Mike King, Youth Front, Kansas City, MO (Missionary organization for Amber Booth)
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#### Executive Pastor Report – Mary Morgan

- ✓ Giving and Attendance Statistics are included in the pre-meeting information.
  
  - ✓ Safe Families for Children –There were 23 calls for help in April from families in distress. We were able to host 12 children, which brought our hostings for April to 24!!
    - 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.
    - Will be part of a video being put together through The University of Sioux Falls for Safe Families for Children
  
  - ✓ Willing Wheels to Wellness –
    - Please pray for a driver coordinator—not sure having 10 different social workers contacting our drivers is going to work. Still in the test phase. Deb Thalhuber and I met with pastors from Hillcrest Baptist and Peace Lutheran churches about Willing Wheels to Wellness about the possibility of joining with CHARIS ministries and Project C.A.R.’s Healthy Rides ministry.
    - Last month I told you that we were currently trying to find rides for a blind man who goes to dialysis every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays. He needs to be dropped off at 6:30 am and brought back home at 12:30 pm. He qualifies for para-transit and only has to pay \$2.50 per ride. But when you take that times 6 rides a week, just his dialysis treatment rides are at least \$60 a month, and his instructor said this is very difficult financially. I am happy to let you know that two drivers have committed to driving Sergio to his appoints on Tuesdays (Mike Weber) and Thursdays (Steve Fisher). If you see them, please thank them for this commitment to ministering to the under-resourced in our community.
      - Deb Thalhuber and I recorded a podcast about Willing Wheels to Wellness with Empower Sioux Falls—here’s the link:  
<http://empowersiouxfalls.com/articles/2019/2/21/empower-church-network-podcast>
  
  - ✓ Meetings This Month: Pastoral care and or coaching/development for 3 people totalling 5 x; VBS Meeting x3; Willing Wheels to Wellness meeting w/Pastors from Hillcrest and Peace; SFFC Ministry Lead Team meeting; SFFC De-briefing meeting; Myron Moore & Pastor Kevin; Connections Pastor Search Meetings and related x7; Children & Family Pastor Search Committee; Something to Eat event; Children & Family Ministry team meeting; Amber Booth; Pastor Julius Badigo (Sudan); Nw Member’s Class; Growing Young Team meetings x2; Mother’s Day Gift Making Event; Empower Sioux falls Educational Meeting; Carpet Installers; staff meetings; and met w/staff individually.
  
  - ✓ Development/Growth:
    - May 18 graduated from Sioux Falls Seminary with a Masters of Divinity
    - Reading *Growing Young* by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin
    - Working toward a certificate in Spiritual Transformation through the Transforming
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Center in Wheaton, IL. Currently reading:

*Invitation to a Journey* by Robert Mulholland

*Thirsty for God* by Bradley P. Holt

*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership* by Ruth Haley Barton

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

- ✓ 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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