



1800 S. Valley View Road
Sioux Falls, SD 57106-0521
(605) 361-6718

Consistory Minutes

September 10, 2019

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

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

Staff Present: Ryan Feltman, Youth & Family Pastor; Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor; Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor/Clerk; Kayla Schnider, Communications Director

Elders Absent:

Deacons Absent:

6:00 pm Call to Order by Pastor Kevin with Prayer and Scripture from Isaiah 41

There was a time when the Nation of Israel might have been seen as a failure. But God through the prophet, told them not to fear nor be dismayed and that God would uphold them. Do we believe God would say this to us today? If yes, what does it look like? Continued steps of obedience.

Reconvene at 7:45 pm as full consistory –

Book – Growing Young—Read Chapter 6 – for next month

What evidence do you see that your church culture prioritizes young people?

We see young people and children in worship, on the praise team, on hospitality teams, in our Sunday children's discipleship leadership.

How does your church intentionally support and partner with parents?

When Pastor Kevin announced that we would be doing a hymn each week, the senior generation who sit as a group clapped. Some young people were frustrated by that and felt that it sent a message that their preferences weren't important.

Elder's Report – Myron Moore

- ✓ Baptism Requests –
 - ✓ Professions of Faith – Noah Kruse, son of Nate and Lecia Kruse
 - ✓ Reaffirmations of Faith –
 - ✓ Transfers In –
 - ✓ Transfers Out –
-

Elders representatives for this year's nominating committee will be Arlan Van Voorst, Jeff DeYager, and Keith Hoekstra. Keith will be the chairperson.

Deacons' Report – Darin Svennes

- ✓ Tracy Folkerts, with Safe Families for Children, talked to us about Safe Families for Children and gave us feedback on our Missions Guidelines / Applications.
 - ✓ Theresa Lucas needs to help moving her mother from Rock Rapids to Sioux Falls on September 28.
 - ✓ Started looking at 2020 Budget Requests received to date.
-

Old Business

Darin Svennes said Thank-You to everyone who helped with the church workday. We got a lot done with everyone's help.

New Business

M / S / C that we recommend to the Dakota Classis that Keith Hoekstra be accepted as a candidate under care. Keith has re-started work on his Master of Divinity through Sioux Falls Seminary. He believes God continues to call him to lead in a pastoral role.

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.

Previous Month's Minutes.

Accept the last month's minutes.

Receive current month and year-to-date Financial Report

Thank You Correspondence

- ✓ Kathy Anderson, Good News Church Frequent Attendee after being a part of The Journey at Good News
 - ✓ Brenda Boyd, Good News Church Attendee who will be serving as a missionary through Simba Ministries in Kenya for a year starting in September.
 - ✓ Jennifer Lucking, RCA Missionary w/Restorations – Human Trafficking Ministry
 - ✓ Calvin VerMulm, The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls, SD
 - ✓ Pastor Rick Timmer, Church Relations Coordinator, Inspiration Hills Church Camp, Inwood, IA
 - ✓ Marketea, Student at Hope College, Grand Rapids, MI
 - ✓ Leslee Unruh, The Alpha Center, Sioux Fall, SD x2
 - ✓ Peter J. Nord, The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls, SD
 - ✓ YouthFront (Missionary Amber Booth), Kansas City
 - ✓ RCA Ministry Impact Report
-

Executive Pastor Report – Mary Morgan

-
- ✓ Giving and Attendance Statistics are included in the pre-meeting information.
 - ✓ Hired two new custodians – Tonya Keith and Jasmine Hjorth
 - ✓ Led Pastor Kevin’s Romans Bible Study
 - ✓ Meetings This Month: Pastoral care and or coaching/development for 5 people totaling 5x; Mentors x1; custodian interviews x3; custodian paperwork, orientation, and training; Helped with Church Work Day; Community Leader Training w/Tyler Van Voorst; Kristin Wellnitz RE Wedding Coordinator Position; Kristin Siepkes to re-train Child & Youth Abuse Prevention Program tracking with new ChMS; staff meetings; and met w/all staff.
 - ✓ Development/Growth:
 - Reading *Growing Young* by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin
 - Working toward a certificate in Spiritual Transformation through the Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL. Reading:
 - *The Way of the Heart: Connecting with God Through Prayer, Wisdom, and Silence* by Henri Nouwen
 - *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer* by Richard Rohr
 - *Interior Castle* by St. Teresa of Avila
 - *Poustinia: Encountering God in Silence, Solitude and Prayer* by Catherine Doherty
 - *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation* by Ruth Haley Barton
 - *Life Together in Christ: Experiencing Transformation in Community* by Ruth Haley Barton
 - *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* by Ronald Rolheiser
 - *Invitation to Solitude and Silence: Experiencing God's Transforming Presence* by Ruth Haley Barton
-

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

- ✓ Youth & Family Discipleship Ministries – Ryan Feltman, Youth & Family Pastor
 - ✓ Worship Arts & Hospitality Ministries – Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor
 - ✓ Children & Family Discipleship Ministries – Sheila Mulder, Children & Family Pastor
 - ✓ Communications – Kayla Schnider, Communications Director
 - ✓ Assimilation & Adult Discipleship Ministries – Tyler Van Voorst, Connections Pastor
 - ✓ Good News Children’s Center Ministry – Tammy Westergaard, Children’s Center Director
-

Adjourn

M / S / C to adjourn with prayer.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____
