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## Consistory Minutes

November 19, 2019

**Elders Present:** Brad Alfred, Jeff DeYager; 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; Tyler Van Voorst, Connections Pastor

**Elders Absent:** Keith Hoekstra

**Deacons Absent:**

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**6:00 pm Call to Order** with Prayer and Scripture

**Reconvene at 7:45 pm as full consistory –**

**Book – *Growing Young***—Read and discuss Chapter 8 this month.

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### **Elder's Report – Myron Moore**

- ✓ Baptism Requests –
- ✓ Professions of Faith –
- ✓ Reaffirmations of Faith –
- ✓ Transfers In –
- ✓ Transfers Out – Penni Smith to Ransom Church and Nick and Stephanie Rogers to First Reformed Church

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### **Deacons' Report – Darin Svennes**

Discussed and finalized budget for 2020 to be submitted at Congregational Meeting on December 8.

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### **Old Business**

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## **New Business**

- ✓ Daniel Brunz w/City Church to give an update. (unable to come)
  - ✓ Request from Kingdom Boundaries (see correspondence) (will have a panel on December 22)
  - ✓ Mission 2020 Invitation (see correspondence)
  - ✓ Elder / Deacon slate for Congregational Meeting vote:  
Elders: Jeff Haverhals, Andy Hille, Darrell Kortan, Scott Odens  
Deacons: Tony Korver, Reed Sybesma, Corey VanderLugt, Jon Peterson
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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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### Correspondence

- ✓ Alpha Center, Sioux Falls (Fleet for Little Feet)
  - ✓ Steve Fisher, Counselor & Timothy Koehler@ George McGovern Middle School, Sioux Falls (McGovern Cares donation received when someone from Good News was talking to someone about a Fall Festival silent auction donation. The person asked what else Good News did in the community and when they heard about our McGovern Cares offering they asked if they could also contribute to that.)
  - ✓ Bethany Christian Services, Sioux Falls (Adoptions & Safe Families for Children)
  - ✓ Kingdom Boundaries, Sioux Falls
  - ✓ Nick w/Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield, SD
  - ✓ Chair of Deacons @ First Reformed Church, Holland, MI Regarding Vision 2020
  - ✓ RCA Global Mission Update from Josh & Sally Vis, RCA Missionaries to the people of the U.S. and Canada on behalf of the Palestinian people.
  - ✓ Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center, Inwood, IA
  - ✓ Luke & Jen Olsen, CRU missionaries (not supported by Good News Church) to college students in Sioux Falls.
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### Executive Pastor Report – Mary Morgan

- ✓ Giving and Attendance Statistics are included in the pre-meeting information.
  - ✓ This month I have been working to leave my responsibilities as best I can in the time I have been allowed. For clarity, I include the following information:
    - I have resigned as ministry lead for Safe Families for Children
    - Deb Thalhuber and I will be discussing what happens to our Willing Wheels to Wellness ministry. I have been working with Empower Sioux Falls and their transportation committee over the last year and have been hopeful that there is a way to continue to allow Good News drivers to serve those in our community
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who don't have a lot of options for transportation. Kathy Anderson will continue to serve Michelle Bridgins and her son, Jesse, who have consistent appointments on Thursday mornings. Steve Fisher and Mike Weber will continue to serve Sergio whom they take to dialysis on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beyond that, until further notice, Deb and I agree that there will be no capacity for Willing Wheels to Wellness to find rides for people from Good News Church.

- Since the future of Willing Wheels to Wellness at Good News is uncertain, I request a check for the balance of #0740. When Willing Wheels to Wellness was started, I was given a \$1000 grant by the seminary to use as I saw fit. I put it in holding account #0740 to use for Willing Wheels to Wellness marketing tools. It was not a donation to Good News Church.
  - I have canceled my \$139 2020 Global Leadership Summit ticket and have reimbursed the church.
  - I have reimbursed the church for my January 2020 \$140 plane ticket for the spiritual formation retreat.
  - The church did not purchase from me the black bookshelf and black cabinet that were in my office, which I have moved to my house to store my former office library.
  - My computer files will be put on the Shared Files or the bookkeeping computer drive (as appropriate). Staff and Scott Odens can access the Shared Files.
  - I request permission to pay the church \$200 for the computer, monitors, and printer I've been using. Scott Odens said it's all currently worth less than that. He purchased the computer on Facebook Marketplace, and the rest was given to the church. He said if anyone questioned the pricing they could check with him directly.
  - I am working on removing myself from all banking and credit card accounts.
  - I will have Sue call to have the safe combination changed.
- ✓ Though I leave with a heart full of immense sadness, I thank God for His call to serve Good News Church just over 13 years ago. May God continue to bless this ministry and the people who call Good News home.

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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

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**Went into an executive session. Staff dismissed.**

**Adjourn**

M / S / C to adjourn with prayer.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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