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Consistory Minutes

February 19, 2019

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

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: Jeff DeYager

Deacons Absent:

Call to Order Open with Prayer and Scripture

(8 pm as full consistory)

Book – Growing Young—read and discussed chapter one. Next month read chapter two and do the questions at the end.

Elders' Report – Myron Moore

- ✓ Baptism Requests – Kinsley Etta, Kuiken, daughter of Justin and Kasey Kuiken; Knox Lee, son of Shane and Staci Vogel
- ✓ Professions of Faith – Jessie Moore; Faith Carson; Grace Carson
- ✓ Reaffirmation of Faith –
- ✓ Transfers in –
- ✓ Transfers out –

Deacons' Report – Darin Svennes

- ✓ No benevolence or pastor discretionary fund expenses
- ✓ Reported on member care
- ✓ Security cameras are set to be installed in the children's center and church entrances.
- ✓ Discussed the integration of Kortan memorial stone into the sign.
- ✓ Worked on mission policy.

M / S / C to pull the January 2019 financials out of the consent agenda. Todd Hopkins

noted significant expenses this month were the replacement of a south wing furnace; and the purchase of the acoustical panels. Ministry support variance is mostly due to the approve expenses for Shell and Ryan Creviston going to Quiet Waters. M/S/C to accept the January financials.

Old Business

- ✓ Constitutional Questions were included for 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](#))
 - a. A. Yes B. Yes b. Yes c. Yes d. Yes e. Yes f. Yes g. Yes h. Yes i. Yes j. Yes k. Yes l. Yes m. Yes n. Yes
 - ✓ Shell Creviston
Pastor Kevin began by saying that from the beginning, we have said that:
 1. We wanted Jesus to look good in the way that we handle this.
 2. We needed to do everything in our power to make sure that their marriage would survive.
 3. We do everything in our power to make sure that their family would survive.We have done that. The group then talked about what they were feeling about Shell returning to her Children & Family Pastor position. Then M / S / C to move into executive session. M / S / C to move out of executive session.
 - M / S / C by super majority that Michelle Creviston's employment be terminated as of 3/31/2019. Pastor Kevin Schneider and Vice-President Myron Moore will communicate this with Michelle.
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New Business

- ✓ Connections Pastor Job Description (see pre-meeting information) Job description approved. Search Committee Members: Keith Hoekstra; Chad Kaemingk; Bret Wynja; Executive Pastor Mary Morgan and Pastor Kevin Schneider.
 - ✓ Easter Worship Services. Last year - 8 am (145) 9:30 am (295) and 11 am (142) 2019 Easter = 7:00 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am. 7 am will be hymns.
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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.

Previous Month's Minutes

Accept the last month's minutes.

Receive 2019 Financial Report

Thank You Correspondence

- ✓ Sue Schuldt, GNC Ministry Assistant
 - ✓ Dave, Inspiration Hills, Inwood, IA
 - ✓ Cal VerMulm, Center of Hope, Sioux Falls
 - ✓ Marketea & Amy Borgman, Hope College, Holland, MI
 - ✓ JJ Ten Clay, RCA Refugee Missionary
 - ✓ Joshua Vis, RCA Israel / Palestine Missionary
 - ✓ Jennifer Lucking, RCA Human Trafficking Missionary
 - ✓ Justin, Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield, SD
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- ✓ Amy Benda, The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls
 - ✓ 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 19 calls for help in January from families in distress. SFFC was able to host 5 children from 2 families. We were unable to find a host family for one child and another family turned down the help offered by a potential host family. We are continuing to follow the needs of 3 other families which may result in a hosting request. Medical emergencies, mental health, and homelessness were the majority of the crises causing families to need assistance. We have seen a trend in increased behavioral challenges of the children whose parents are experiencing a temporary crisis. And two families were declined because of the significance of the behaviors.
 - 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
 - Safe Families for Children Partnership
 - 2 drivers gave 3 rides to 2 person
 - Avera:
 - 1 drivers gave 2 rides to 1 person
 - Social workers from the Avera Cancer Center and Avera Nephrology have access to Willing Wheels to Wellness as well.

- ✓ Meetings This Month: Pastoral care and or coaching/development for 4 people totalling 6 x; Children & Family Ministry Team Meeting x2; City Church meeting; Safe Families for Children quarterly training and ride for former SFFC mom; Karen Floyd, VBS; Twila Wallman; Cal VerMulum, Center of Hope; met w/Mentor; attended one day leader’s forum by The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender; 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

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

- ✓ Children & Family Discipleship –
 - ✓ Good News Children’s Center – Tammy Westergaard, Children’s Center Director
 - ✓ Youth & Family Discipleship – Ryan Feltman, Youth & Family Pastor
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- ✓ 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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