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The Council of Hope College Minutes

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5-6 January 1870

Holland, Michigan

The Council of Hope College met in special session with Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte in the chair. Prof. Crispell was present as a representative of the faculty. The gift of \$5,000 from James Suydam was duly noted. That tract of land owned by Hope College on the north side of Black Lake would henceforth be called the James Suydam Farm of Hope College. Other major gifts were announced. Van Raalte "made a report on his labors in the East for the endowment." The duties of the treasurer were outlined with considerable detail. Rev. E. C. Oggel was appointed editor of *De Hope*. Changes in teaching loads were made in view of the recent death of Prof. Pieter J. Oggel.

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Jan 5. The Council met in Special Session at 10. A.M. Jan 5, 1870.
 1870 Rev A.C Van Raalte in the chair. S. Bolks E.C. Oggel. J.S. Joralmon. Philip Phelps Jr A.T. Stewart. C. Van Der Veen to Elder B. Ledeboer. O.H. Yntema. Prof. Crispell appeared as member of the Council elected by the theological Faculty according to the rule of the last Gen. Synod, instructing the Faculty to elect one of their number a member of the Council, see page of 1869. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev Mr. Oggel. Resd that an Amendment to the Articles of Association be filed in the office of the Secretary of State in conformity

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with the action of the last Gen. Synod, directing the Theological Faculty to appoint one of their number to represent them in the Council. Doctor Phelps read the Financial Report. It was accepted or referred to the Ex. Com to be accredited for the next regular meeting. Resd that the accounts of Doctor Phelps be considered. The meeting was closed with prayer.

The Council met at 2 P.M and was opened with prayer by Mr. Joralmon. The affairs of De Hope were considered. The meeting adjourned until 9 A.M. of the next day and was closed with prayer by Mr. Stewart.

Jan 6, 1870 The Council met at 9 A.M. Jan 6th 1870. Rev Philip Phelps in the chair opened the meeting with prayer. The donation of Mr. James Suydam of 10000. \$5000. to meet the indebtedness on Hope Farm and \$5000. to pay the Suydam gift Contingent debt of the Institution were reported to the Council, whereupon the following action was taken. Res^d that these munificent donations on the part of one of the most liberal benefactors of all the Departments of the Church are hereby appreciated by the Council & that we present to James Suydam Esq our most grateful acknowledgment for his timely & valuable gifts, assuring him that he has been the means of securing our real estate purchase & of freeing the Contingent Fund from a heavy burden of debt. Res^d that the tract heretofore known as Hope Farm hereafter bear the name of the Generous Donor & be called the James Suydam Farm of Hope College. Res^d that a Com. of three be appointed to prepare deeds so as to secure the objects proposed; that the times be arranged with Mr. Suydam, but that

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no deed be made out until the terms be confirmed by a subsequent vote of the Council at a meeting called for that purpose. The Com. appointed to carry out the above are Rev A.C. Van Raalte, Philip Phelps Jr & A.T. Stewart. An estimate of expenses for the last quarter reaching to Ap 1, 1870 was read & accepted.

3000 Res^d that the thanks of the Council be presented to the other donors for their gifts to this Institution, not including at present Mr. Moors noble gift of Moors gift. \$3000. Mr. Moors donation consists in converting into a gift his loan of \$3000. made to the college two years since for the purpose of securing its real estate purchase & remitting the interest of \$300. due Oct 1. on the same addressing a letter to the Council to that effect.

- Scholarship Shindler The other Donors are Mr. Simon Shindler of 1 ch of Larrytown N.Y. who gives \$1000 for a scholarship, and a Bequest by D.J. Veinhuis of \$1325. for education of young Men for the ministry. Doctor Van Raalte made a report of his labors in the East for Endowment. His receipts were \$200. and his expenses \$129.50. His report was accepted and his letter of resignation read.
- Endowmt Report Van Raalte
- It was Res^d that Doctor Phelps be commissioned to assume endowment work. Res^d that the ministers be requested to make collections for De Hope in their respective Congregations. laid on the table for the present.
- Treasurers Duties The Treasurers duties were defined as follows. Res^d 1 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make & execute systematic arrangements for the collection of all moneys due to the Institution such as Endowment Interest Fees. Text Books. Publication

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2 He shall disburse all moneys only at the order of the Ex. Com.

3 He shall continue to keep the account & according to the present system in of Double Entry as previously adopted by the Council and shall present full quarterly statements to the Ex. Com. & also an annual statement to the Council.

4 For his the faithful performance of his duties he shall give such bonds as may be required by the Council. For these services he shall receive an Annual Compensation of \$300.

Editors Duties.

- Editor's Duties The duties of the Editor of De Hope shall be to provide suitable original & selected matter for the weekly issue; to attend to the correspondence of the paper; to take care of that all suitable information relative to the Institution & the churches be inserted; to hold the articles whether original or selected subject to the dicision[sic] of the Council or ex. com. in doubtful cases so that the paper shall be conducted on such principles as appertain to an organ of the Church & the College. His salary shall be \$700. per annum. Res^d that E. C. Oggel be appointed Editor of De Hope. and Treasurer of the College, to fill the vacancy in office occasional by the death of the late Prof P. J. Oggel.
- E. C. Oggel Ed. & Treas Resd that resolution of Sep 18, 1868 about Care of Grammar school & of Sep 1869 about suspicion of the same be stricken from the minutes.
- Grammar School Res that if the Editorial chair be declaired[?] the Ex Com make provisional arrangements the meeting was closed with prayer

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- 2 P.M Jan 6, 1870. The meeting was opened at 2 P. M with prayer by Prof. Crispell. Res^d that the Deed held in trust by Council for Female Seminary Site be returned to[sic] the Original Donor provided that Said Donor give us in him thereof the proceeds of said lots as an Endowment Fund for said Female Education provided that the Council furnish the site for the buildings thereof Res^d that the Council proceed to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Prof Oggel.

Res^d that the Council acceed[?] to the request of Doctor Phelps That Prof Beck assume the instruction in Exegesis during the remainder of the present Theological Year. Res^d that the Theological Faculty provide for Sacred Rhetoric during the remaining part of the Theological Year. Res^d that the Government Faculty govern the students of the Institution during the absence of the President & until the Council has provided the Constitution & Rules which the special Committee appointed for that purpose shall report, according to the rules & regulations heretofore in use in the Institution
 Res^d that the 4th Res. of Gen. Synod page be referred to the Com. on Constitution & Rules.
 Res^d that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Editorial Com for their faithful & laborious labors & that they be then discharged. Res^d that Mr. Doesberg be Continued Assistant Editor in the same way as before the death of Prof Oggel
 Res that the question of closing the next Term in be passed over to the Ex Com for disposal. The meeting Res^d to adjourn & was closed with prayer

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Holland City Mich May 17, 1870
 by Rev Doctor Phelps.
 Abel. T. Stewart. Secretary.