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10 February 1860

Holland, Michigan

Having returned from canvassing for funds in January, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided at a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church. Gerrit Waaker was again the clerk. The first item of business was to give the materials that came from the collapsed log church to Drost and Deur families who needed new dwellings. Deacons Wilterdink and de Vries were charged with the task of carrying out the decision of the consistory. New members were received from Muskegon and Grand Haven. Rev. Van Raalte and Elders Labots and Wakker were designated to deal with the claim that the foster son of the L. Schaddelee family stole a flask with a silver cover from the Schaddelees.

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Consistory Meeting of February 10, 1860

Absent: Ploeg, and, because of illness, Labots and Hekhuis.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – In connection with the old and collapsed church building, it was decided to give the materials to two families who need another dwelling; namely, Drost and Deur. This was assigned to Deacons Wilterdink and de Vries.

ARTICLE 3 – Membership received for Pieter Vijn from Grand Haven, dated October 31, 1859, and for Jan Jans Wierenga from Muskegon, dated November 12, 1859. Membership received for the widow ter Vree from Grand Haven, dated January 5, 1860.

ARTICLE 4 – Wakker presents a request from L. Schaddelee, who asks for intervention of the consistory concerning their foster son, Pieter van der Tak, who, according to his statement, took from their home a flask with a silver cover and gave it to his sister, Jaantje, living in the home of C. Hofman. This is denied by the sister, and an appeal to the secular authorities is being considered. However, before doing this, the judgment of the consistory is requested. After various opinions were expressed, it was decided to appoint a committee for further investigation to meet at the home of Labots. The committee consists of Rev. van Raalte, Wakker, and Labots. They will meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock with the two above-mentioned accused.

ARTICLE 5 – The following meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 17.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Wilterdink.

A. C. van Raalte
G. Wakker