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4 April 1859

Holland, Michigan

The consistory of the First Reformed Church met in absence of the pastor, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte. Elder Labots was absent and yet the minutes were signed by him as well as by the clerk, Gerrit Wakker. Routine matters were dealt with.

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to appoint Brothers Wakker and Labots as a committee to request the Rev. van der Wall to preach for the congregation that day. In case of a negative response, a second committee will be sent, consisting of Brothers Broek and Keppel.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Hekhuis.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of April 4, 1859

Absent: Brothers Labots, Ploeg, and Plugger.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened by the president of the previous meeting, Brother Keppel.

ARTICLE 2 – The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. Brother Hekhuis made a comment on the accuracy of the minutes, but the other brethren did not agree.

ARTICLE 3 – The committee (see Article 7 of the February 15 meeting) reports that they have been unable to gather \$100.00 as a loan. Only \$25.00 can be paid on the bill of G. Wakker, who requests that it be paid as soon as possible. Through the mediation of Mr. Doesburg, he has accepted responsibility for the bill. The money is given to Mr. G. van Putten as a payment of his bill of April, 1859. Van Putten was, in his present situation, satisfied.

ARTICLE 4 – Report of the committee (see Article 5 of February 15, 1859, meeting) was given by Brother te Roller, who informs the assembly that he has found that the situation of the cousin of Boonstra's child is not what was reported by Brother Broek. The man requested at least 10 (illegible) each week, and could not do it for less.

The consistory judges that the deacons should inquire about this situation and were given power to act.

ARTICLE 5 – Report of the committee (see Article 3 of the meeting of February 15). The committee reports that Kamper was not present at the meeting, but that it had been decided to divide the 36 acres of land between de Frel and Kamper. De Frel was satisfied with this, but at a later meeting at Kamper's home, Kamper rejected the agreement. He did, however, offer to dispose of eight acres, at which point his wife spoke up, and this offer was withdrawn. With this information, and taking into consideration some other

circumstances, the consistory judges that for the time being to let the matter rest. When an opportunity presents itself, they will speak to Brother Plugger privately in an effort to satisfy the contending parties.

ARTICLE 6 – Brother Hekhuis was appointed as a delegate to classis. Brother Wakker, as a member of the previous meeting, was added to the list. The alternates are Keppel for Wakker and Broek for Hekhuis.

ARTICLE 7 – The decisions of the consistory (see Article ____, and Article 10 of the February 15 meeting).

ARTICLE 8 – The report prepared by the clerk, in the absence of the Rev. van Raalte, was read and approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Apeldoorn.

J. Labots, president
G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of April 19, 1859

Absent: Brothers Ploeg, Labots, and de Vries.

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

ARTICLE 1 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – The brothers are informed that the matter between de Frel and Kamper has been resolved.

ARTICLE 3 – At his request, a membership statement was given to Reijer van Zwaluwenburg to Kalamazoo.

ARTICLE 4 – The altered I.O.U.s for A. Fennema and P. Zaltsman were approved and signed by the president and clerk.

ARTICLE 5 – Since there are no more congregational matters to be discussed, various brothers made remarks, and the spiritual and temporal state of affairs in Pella was reported by the president and discussed.

(The following two and a half lines were erased.)

The meeting was closed by Wakker.

G, Wakker, clerk