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22 May 1872

Holland, Michigan

The Council of Hope College held a special session "under the call of Ex. Com." with Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte in the chair. According to this record, the executive committee met on 17 May but no minutes are extant of that meeting in the minutes of the executive committee. Discussion was held about the preparation of reports to the General Synod. Several financial matters were presented. Kommer Schaddelee was mentioned in passing.

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Minutes of the Council of Hope College, 148-150.

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The Council met in special session under the call of Ex. Com. contained under date of May 17. 1872 on the

22^d May at 3. P.M.

Present Rev A. C. Van Raalte in the chair.
Philip Phelps Jr.
Charles Scott.

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May 22^d
1872.

From the Classis of
Mich

Rev C Van Der Veen
J. W. Beardslee
A. T. Stewart.

Holland R

Rev S Bolks

Ill.

Rev A Thompson

Wisconsin

Grand River

Elder K Brower.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Thompson.

The Call for the meeting was read in the Resolution of the Ex Com of May 17th Their resolution as reported was approved.

Res^d that the Council hold a morning session from 8 ½ - 12 M. and an afternoon session from 2 ½ - 6.

Res. that the Council ask the meeting now in session for prayer in our City to include Hope College and her Council among ~~the~~ its special projects & that Messrs Van Raalte & Bolks be a Com. to bring this request before the meeting.

Res^d that the Students be requested to pay their dues for fees & text books
Res that hereafter the Council meet with the Students on the evening of the first day of each meeting of the Council for the purpose of prayer.

Res that we proceed to consider the special report on communication that was ordered for te Brd of Education. Res that Whereas the President has Said Before ~~us~~ this body a supplementary report to the General Synod in place of the special report to the Brd.

Special
Report.
to
Brd Education

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of Education, that we now proceed to Consider it. It was read and printed Copies placed in the hands of the Members. The meeting adjourned and was closed with prayer by Mr Beardslee. During the above session Rev Mr. Krickhard of Classis of Grand River appeared in Council.

The Council met in Morning Session

May 23. Was opened with prayer by Mr. Stewart. Minutes of former day were read & corrected.

Special Res^d that the report be taken up Seriatem.

Report Res^d that the request of Doctor Phelps to withdraw it be granted.

Withdrawn Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Beardslee.

Council met in afternoon session & was opened with prayer by Doctor Phelps. Res that Messrs Phelps Ledeboer & Van Der Veen be a Com to draw up a financial report to Synod. The meeting adjourned, & was closed with prayer by Elder Ledeboer.

May 24 The Council met in Morning session
and was opened with prayer by Prof Scott.
Rev James Demarest Jr of Classis of Ill appeared in Council.
Financial Report adopted The financial report was read & accepted. It was Considered amended and adopted. Res that it be printed & sent to the Gen. Synod and a copy of it to the Brd of Education.
Res that the examinations of the grammar school begin on the 3^d Wednesday in June. Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr. Van der Veen.

150 The Council met in afternoon session
and was opened with prayer by Mr. Demarest
Three special applications for additional pecuniary aid were read & approved. One to Morris & Jessup Esq asking for \$8491.83 for the purchase of a Site on the Southern side of Black Lake for a College Site, including a site for the erection of the Thomas De Witt Hall. One to William A Hall, Esq for \$6000. for the establishment of the College Dept of Publication. and one to James Suydam Esq for \$10.000. for the Endowment Loan on the James Suydam Party.
Res that the Ex. Com. be authorized to borrow the sum of \$1200. to pay the salaries of the Professors.
Res that Doctor Phelps be authorized to employ Mr. Schaddalee to obtain the necessary securities for the Endowt Loan moneys described in minutes of Ex. Com. The minutes were read and approved. The following were added
Res that ~~in~~ Case Doctor Phelps be authorized to propose to Mr. Suydam in Case his response to our appeal is favorable that he should take four thousand and nine hundred dollars cash & pay it into the treasury of the Gen. Synod, in order to permit its Council to retain the endowment securities to that Amount in Virginia & Holland, Mich.
Virginia Endow t Securities Res that any moneys received by Doctor Phelps in the application made by the Council of Hope College be deposited by him as Agent of the Council in the Board of New York subject to the order of this Council. The Council resolved to adjourn till 9 A M of the next day. It was closed with prayer.

A. T. Stewart. Secty.

*Transcribed Mary Otterness
April 16, 2004*