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### Meeting Minutes of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church

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28 March 1862

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Brother Kamper was appointed chair in view of the absence of the pastor, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte. The book devoted to the salary of the pastor was examined. There was still a shortage in the salary fund. The matter of assessments on all members including the new ones is to be pursued.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William and Althea Buursma, 2000.

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Consistory Meeting of March 28, 1862

Absent: Rev. A. C. van Raalte; Brothers Oonk and Wilterdink.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Wakker.

ARTICLE 2 – Brother Kamper was chosen as chairman of this meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – The book devoted to the salary of the pastor was reviewed for the year 1861, and it appeared that for salary the following sum was disbursed: \$654.07

Still to be paid -	128.02	
	782.09	
Shortage -	17.91	
In addition. . . (?) and some partial payment	60.00	\$77.91

It was decided to cover the shortage by assessing members by profession of faith and transfer of membership who have not paid for the salary. They will be asked to pay their share of the salary for the past year 1861. The reason for this is that they had not been assessed before, because the consistory had neglected to include them.

ARTICLE 4 – It was decided to review the old assessment list and to make the necessary changes.

ARTICLE 5 – After the changes were made, it appeared that \$30.40 was reduced and \$37.20 was added, an increase, therefore, of \$6.80.

ARTICLE 6 – A list of the new members through profession of faith or membership transfer, who have not yet been visited, totaled 38. These members were assessed for the total sum of \$123.00. It is hoped that the arrears in salary can be paid.

ARTICLE 7 – Because of promises made, it was decided to ask Jacob van Putten to pay \$2.00 for last year.

ARTICLE 8 – It was decided that from now on every member joining the congregation will be immediately assessed.

ARTICLE 9 – A question surfaced concerning a lot owned by the congregation, and a discussion was postponed until Tuesday, April 1, which will be the next meeting of the consistory.

The meeting was closed by Brother Broek.

A. C. van Raalte  
G. Wakker, Clerk