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19 May 1862

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, the committee on church grounds reported that the work on the grounds were mainly completed. The drought and the lack of teams were holding up completion of the project. The expenses were almost covered. The membership of Mrs. [not Miss] Hendrika Zwaluwenberg Pieters was transferred to Drenthe [where her husband was now the minister]. "Brother Wilderdink requests enlightenment concerning I Corinthians 11:27. The chairman obliges to his complete satisfaction." A member of the congregation asked permission to switch from Dr. Ledeboer to Dr. van den Berg for medical treatment. Brother Plugger was appointed to handle this delicate situation.

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

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ARTICLE 9 – It was decided that it is highly necessary to cover the church grounds with grass sods, in order to stop the ongoing erosion of sand, which places the church building in danger of sagging. Since there is no money on hand to cover the costs, the deacons were assigned to present a list to be signed by the members of the congregation in an effort to obtain the necessary funds. Keppel proposed that those present should make a pledge at this time. Results:

Wakker	\$1.50	Broek with team, one day
Oonk	1.00	Kamper with oxen, one day
Plugger	5.00	Geerlings, with team, one day
Te Roller	1.50	Keppel, with team, one and a-half day
Rev. van Raalte	3.00	5-1/2 days
or with Wilterdink and oxen for one day.	12.00	

The deacons were assigned the task to arrange for this necessary work, and should the voluntary gifts not achieve the goal they should, nevertheless, complete the work and the shortage will be covered by funds of the church in the bank. The pastor was requested to inform the congregation and, at the same time, call to their attention the necessity of paying the rental for their pews.

The meeting was closed by Brother Wilterdink

A. C. van Raalte
G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of May 19, 1862

All members were present, except de Vries and the clerk, who came later.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. A. C. van Raalte, chairman.

ARTICLE 2 – Present at the meeting were Willem Visscher, Pietertje Gort, and Maria Hendereta Dalman, nee Minderhout, all of whom desired to be admitted to the table of the Lord, by way of profession of faith. After questioning they were all accepted with an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes were read and approved. The committee (see Article 3 of the previous meeting) reports that they have not been successful in selling the lot.

ARTICLE 4 – The committee for the church grounds (see Article 9) reports that the work on the church grounds has for the better part been completed, but no further work could be accomplished, both, because of the

ongoing drought and lack of teams to convey the sods. The expenses of the work have almost been paid for by voluntary contributions of work and money and, if those who have promised but are still owing pay, the debt will be entirely covered. The clerk did not have the records of receipts and disbursements, but will take them to the next meeting and report.

ARTICLE 5 – Memberships were transferred for J. Brand, student at New Brunswick, and Miss Hendrika Pieters, nee Zwaluwenberg, to Drenthe.

ARTICLE 6 – Brother Wilterdink requests enlightenment concerning I Corinthians 11: 27. The chairman obliges to his complete satisfaction.

ARTICLE 7 – A discussion took place over a consistently ill brother, B. van Lente, who has been receiving care and medication from Dr. Ledeboer. He wishes to have another doctor, in an attempt to try other approaches, and would appreciate, according to information given by Brother Labots, to have Dr. van den Berg. The assembly judged that this request should be granted in the most careful way, and that before a decision is made, Dr. Ledeboer should be approached about the matter. This will, as far as possible, avoid conflict. The task was assigned to Brother Plugger.

ARTICLE 8 – Following our custom, all of the brothers declared that they would be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper in fellowship with one another.
The meeting was closed by Brother Labots.

A. C. van Raalte and G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of June, 1862

Absent: P. de Vries, te Roller, Wilterdink, and Broek.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – Mr. Baelaer was present, requesting to be admitted to the table of the Lord by profession of faith. After questioning, he was accepted.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 4 – Brothers Keppel and Labots were delegated to the special meeting of classis, which will be held June 25.

ARTICLE 5 – The committee (see Article 7 of the previous meeting) reports that Dr. Ledeboer has not been at van Lente. However, Dr. van den Berg, according to Brother Labots, has examined the patient, but, as of now, could not report anything decisive. The meeting was closed by Wakker.

A. C. van Raalte and G. Wakker, clerk