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18 September 1865

Holland, Michigan

Elder Broek was chosen chairman of the consistory meeting of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte was not present. It was discovered that the house and lot behind the church were not for sale. The consistory rejected having an organ in the church "under the present circumstances"

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

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Consistory Meeting of September 18, 1865

Absent: Brothers de Bruin, Labots, te Roller, Vork, Beeuwkes, and Naber.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Keppel. Broek served as chairman.

ARTICLE 2 – Both of the previous minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 3 – Certain members of the building committee report that upon investigation, they had discovered that the house and lot behind the church are not for sale.

ARTICLE 4 – A proposal to have an organ in the church was rejected under the present / circumstances.

ARTICLE 5 – As delegates to the classical meeting, Brothers Keppel and Wakker were appointed, with Broek and Kamper serving as alternates.

The meeting was closed by Brother Oonk.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of October 3, 1865

Absent: Brother Vork.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened by Brother Broek.

ARTICLE 2 – Brother Wilterdink was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 3 – Labots and de Bruin report that the conduct of B. Taeke still gives offense, and remains unchristian. . They have seen him in saloons, playing billiards, etc. He has also not ceased abusing strong drink. The general opinion was that he should be placed under censure, but, because his wife is so blind to the evil in her husband's life or covers up for it, the admonition of the consistory will be looked upon as a kind of exercise in wrath. Hence, it was proposed to send a committee to admonish them and to tell them that, if their conduct does not change, the consistory will be forced to make use of church discipline. This proposal was rejected by the majority.

ARTICLE 4 – It was decided to censure B. Taeke, and to appoint a committee to inform him of this action. The committee consists of Wakker and Keppel. Wakker declines to serve on this committee, but, after being admonished, he requested to be excused from