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4 December 1867

Holland, Michigan

At a congregational meeting of the First Reformed Church, Rev. Roelof Pieters was chosen as pastor with a salary of \$1,000 and free parsonage. Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte closed the meeting with prayer.

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

Original in the records of the Pillar Christian Reformed Church at the Joint Archives of Holland, vol. II, p. 300.

A, Geerlings, H. Vaupel, and G. Vaarwerk were elected. A reballot between Sprietsma, J. ter Vree, and Smits followed. Opening of the ballots revealed that Sprietsma received 29 votes, J. ter Vree 30, and J. Smits 10. By motion, both brothers, L. Sprietsma and Jan ter Vree were elected by unanimous vote as deacons.

ARTICLE 5 – In voting for a trio of ministers, the ballots revealed that Rev. R. Pieters had 35, A. Zwemer 34, C. Oggel 19, Duiker 11. There were other additional votes. It was decided to place the Revs. Pieters, Zwemer, and Oggel on a trio, and to meet eight days from now, with an hour of prayer preceding, in order to call a shepherd and teacher.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

G. Wakker, clerk

Congregational Meeting of December 4, 1867

After a sermon, based on Matthew 9: 31, and followed by a prayer service, the assembly voted for a pastor.

Opening of the ballots revealed that the Rev. R. Pieters had 31 votes, A. Zwemer had 14, C. Oggel had 7. By motion, it was decided to call Rev. Pieters by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2 (sic) – It was decided to stipulate the salary at \$1,000.00 and free dwelling annually.

The meeting was closed with the singing of Psalm 18: 8, and prayer by Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

G. Wakker, clerk