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29 January 1869

Holland, Michigan

Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte attended the consistory meeting of the First Reformed Church. Article six read as follows: "The matter of Student Buursma was discussed, and it was decided to receive this for information. Professor [Cornelius] Crispell [at Hope College and who taught in the program of theological education] will be informed that the consistory was satisfied with the public confession in the presence of the congregation, which was made by the above-mentioned brother. At this point, Dr. van Raalte left the meeting."

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. III, pp. 10a and 10b.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Vaupell.

J. Schrader, clerk

Consistory Meeting of January 29, 1869

Present were Brothers Broek, Kamper, van den Berge, Keppel, Peijster, Schrader, Geerlings, Vaupell, Smits, Vaarwerk, ter Vree, Sprietsma.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Broek. Brother Peijster was chosen as chairman. Dr. van Raalte entered the meeting.

ARTICLE 2 – A bill was received from Greebel, involving a debt of the congregation of Ebenezer. It was decided to pay this bill. Brother Vaupell was appointed to take care of the matter.

ARTICLE 3 – Received with testimonial: Klaas Mastenbroek.

ARTICLE 4 – Wilhelmina Rijsdorp requested a membership statement. Approved.

ARTICLE 5 – It was decided to celebrate communion on Sunday over fourteen days.

ARTICLE 6 – The matter of Student Buursma was discussed, and it was decided to receive this for information. Professor Crispell will be informed that the consistory was satisfied with the public confession in the presence of the congregation, which was made by the above-mentioned brother. At this point, Dr. van Raalte left the meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – Brothers Toorn, Ponds, Schaddelee, G. van Putten, and Verbeek were present as members of the building committee.

ARTICLE 8 – The consistory reports that the brick thresholds for the parsonage have been ordered. The price will be \$1.80. Approved unanimously.

ARTICLE 9 – Brother Keppel reports that he has received from Brother van den Berge \$150.00 as partial payment for the bricks. Brother van den Berge has promised to loan this amount at 10% interest.

ARTICLE 10 – Brother van den Berge was appointed as treasurer and administrator.

ARTICLE 11 – Brothers Schaddelee and Toorn were appointed as a committee to provide water to the parsonage lot.

ARTICLE 12 – Mr. Schaddelee presented the purchase agreement for the lot for the parsonage, in order that the note can be signed and the deed of purchase registered.

ARTICLE 13 – The circulation of the pledge list by Brother Keppel was discussed, and it was proposed and accepted that the building committee, when possible, will assist in all matters until the building is complete.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Geerlings.

J. Schrader, clerk

Consistory Meeting of February 5, 1869

Present were Brothers van den Berge, Peijster, Keppel, Schrader, Geerlings, Sprietsma, Vaupell, Smits, Vaarwerk, ter Vree.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Peijster.

ARTICLE 1 – Brother van den Berge was chosen as chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, with a comment concerning Article

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