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

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12 February 1869

Holland, Michigan

Elder Kamper was chosen chairman of the consistory meeting of the First Reformed Church. Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte entered the meeting during its earlier part. It is implied from the minutes that Rev. Roelof Pieters accepted the call to serve the congregation because he inquired about the plan for the parsonage. "Dr. van Raalte" asked if there were any objections to celebrating holy communion and there were none." It may be assumed then that Van Raalte would be conducting that service the following Sunday most likely.

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Consistory Meeting of February 12, 1869

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Broek.

ARTICLE 1 – Brother Kamper was chosen as president, and the minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – It was decided that Brother Vaupell will seek information concerning the lot behind H. te Roller, to pay the tax for it. Dr. A. C. van Raalte enters the meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – Jacob Kuite and wife were present, requesting baptism for their children. They were asked if they would not like to make profession of faith. They both declared that they did not have the freedom to do so; whereupon, they were accepted as members by baptism and their children will be baptized.

ARTICLE 4 – A letter was received from Rev. Pieters, with certain comments about the plan for the parsonage.

ARTICLE 5 – It was decided to meet with the building committee in eight days, in order to further the matters concerning the building.

ARTICLE 6 – Dr. van Raalte asked if there were any objections to celebrating holy communion. Answer: none.

ARTICLE 7 – A member of the Third Church consistory reported that they have visited Brother Mosselman and that next Wednesday both consistories will meet, in order to gather with the entire committee. Accepted.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Kamper.

J. Schrader, clerk

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