

Consistory Minutes Highlights

April 15, 2025

Ongoing and Special Business

Short-Term Pastoral Services

- The new Pastor Search Team that was formed last month (Mark Smith, Sam Prince, Gina Williams, Sonya Hunt, Nancy Curtis) met and has refined an Interim Pastor job description and prepared interview questions. The job description document was approved by Consistory. It will be posted on our website, the RCA website, the New Brunswick website, and the Princeton Seminary website. In addition, Beth will see to it that it gets submitted to a multi-denominational website.

Rahma Center Use of Space Renewal

- A motion was made to extend the Use of Space Agreement with the Rahma Center to November 30, 2025. Discussion followed and it was agreed to add a clause allowing the ending of the agreement if any state or local regulations disallow the use. Consistory voted to approve the extension of the agreement (five in favor, two opposed). If we find that we are in violation, we will end the agreement on May 31.

Vice President's Report

- Mark reported that he was invited and attended Rahma Center's Interfaith Iftar on March 19. People attending represented a number of different faiths and congregations. Mark found the experience to be positive and uplifting and received thanks from a number of individuals for BRC's hosting of the Rahma Center.
- Nomination Process – With Consistory's blessing, Mark has agreed to remain on Consistory for another year as we continue the process of transition. He will seek the approval of the Nominating Team before making the agreement official. Barbara VanLiew will complete her time on Consistory when her first two-year term ends in June. The Nominating Term will be looking for an individual to replace her in the office of Deacon. Sonya Hunt filled an uncompleted term eight months ago and has been asked and agreed to continue as Elder for two years and potentially four. The other deacons and elder who completed the first two years in their office chose to be renominated for another two years.

Team Reports

Properties

- The team recommended that money in the Preservation Fund be used to pay for bat remediation in the steeple. The cost is \$4000. Consistory accepted and approved the recommendation.