

Consistory Highlights

June 17, 2025

Ongoing and Special Business

Update from the Pastoral Search Team – The team met with one candidate on Zoom. There was concern that he might not be understood due to his heavy accent. One more candidate, and possibly two will be interviewed. Mark informed Consistory that a proposal will be made to change the supervision process for all churches without a pastor at the upcoming Classis Stated Session on Tuesday, June 24. He suggested that no further action be taken on the part of the search team until that proposal is outlined.

New Business

BRC Holdings Officers – The BRC Holdings Company, ultimately responsible for overseeing the Blawenburg Village School, must report the names of its officers to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury. As Vice President of Consistory, Mark will serve in this capacity. In addition, Consistory appointed Jean Beachell and Sam Prince as officers.

Fourth of July Organ Concert – Barb R asked Consistory to consider a request made By Kevin Daly to have an organ concert comprised of patriotic music in our sanctuary on July 4. The concert would be presented by his friend, Thomas Hobson Williams. Consistory voted unanimously to approve the request.

Team Reports

Properties – Barb R informed Consistory of a request for the use of our driveway for the purpose of parking cars by those attending a Blawenburg block party on Saturday, July 12. Barb indicated that she was concerned about the potholes being a hazard and had discussed the request with Jean Beachell. Jean said that she would see to it that the holes were filled with gravel and that cones would be placed around them as a precaution. Consistory approved the request for use of the driveway at no cost. This prompted Consistory to direct the Properties Team to seek estimates for the re-pavement of the parking lot immediately. Ideally the work should be completed before the start of school in September. They were further directed to take money from the Johnson Fund. Nancy Curtis will inform Properties of this directive.

Cemetery – Laura reported that the Montgomery Landmarks Commission initially turned down our request to replace the existing fence with a new one. They would like us to get estimates to repair the old fence. They agreed to reconsider our request at their July meeting.