Consistory Minutes Highlights

February 2025

Ongoing and Special Business

- Consistorial Report Questions Barb Reid posed questions to Consistory in preparation for completing the 2024 Annual Denominational Report required of us by Classis and the RCA.
- Rahma Center Use of Space for Ramadan Additional Request The Rahma Center requested that they be allowed to stay overnight on either a Friday night to Saturday morning, or a Saturday night to Sunday morning and be out by 7:00am, so that they might be able to complete the reading and study of the Quran. They estimate the number of people to be about 10. Consistory approved their request by a vote of 7 to 1 in favor.

Vice President's Report

- Mark reported that Barb Pavlicek has agreed to be the 2nd Elder delegate to Classis and recommended that she be appointed. Consistory voted (M/S/C) to appoint Barb to the position of 2nd Elder delegate.
- Mark informed Consistory that we don't have any Elders willing to be a delegate at the Regional Synod in May 2025. He suggested that he would be willing to attend even though he was the delegate a General Synod last year. Consistory requested that Mark attend the regional meeting and voted to approve (M/S/C).

New Business

• Appointment of an Interim Pastor – Beth and Dawn led a discussion about putting an interim pastor in place to work with us through the transition and suggested that they know of one minister who has shown interest. Several members of Consistory had concerns about the timing of the placement as well as how an interim will impact us financially. Despite concerns, Consistory asked to see the resumé of the individual that expressed interest.

Team Reports

Properties

- The team reported that a new hot water heater is needed at the BVS schoolhouse. They are recommending that we ask the preschool to pay one-third of the cost. Consistory requested that the Properties Team get an estimate. Lee and Barb VanLiew will do that.
- Sexton The team reported that Jim Beachell will not accept the position as the "official" sexton, but he is willing to do the work as it is needed.

Technology

• Consistory approved spending up to \$1000 for a new laptop to be used primarily for zoom meetings. It was suggested that there is money in the Memorial Fund from donations received in memory of Bud Lewis to fund the purchase. Lee and Mark will take the lead on making the purchase.