

Consistory Meeting Highlights

September 2024

Ongoing and Special Business

Vacancy on Consistory – Three names were brought up for consideration to fill Alan Taback's unexpired term. Jeff will contact them in the order recommended by Consistory.

Sinterklaas 2024 – Consistory approved the proposal received by Dave and Evelyn Cochran to have Sinterklaas again this year. It included the date of December 7 and the distribution of proceeds (80% to church properties, 20% to missions).

Letters to Consistory

- Consistory received an offer by Ken Bradsell, former pastor at BRC and former missionary in Oman to lead a discussion about faith traditions of Muslims and Christians and what we can do to extend to each other peace, friendship, and cooperation. Consistory accepted his offer and would like him to preach if he is willing. Jeff will continue conversation with Ken.
- Consistory received a letter from a church member expressing her concerns about the use of the Children and Worship room for prayers by the Rahma Center. Jeff and Sam will write her a letter to acknowledge her concerns.

Minister's Report

- Jeff acknowledged that his term as President of Classis will conclude in October 2024.

Team Reports

Finance

- 2025 Budget – The Finance Team is asking that all church teams prepare to submit their budgets for next year. Budgets should be submitted before the end of October.

Properties

- Rahma Center Use of Space Agreement – The draft of the agreement was favorably received, and Consistory approved sending it to the Rahma Center for their reaction and input. Consistory wants immediate action from the Rahma Center on two issues: 1.) Proof of liability insurance is provided. 2.) That the lockbox be used so that the outside door to the Children and Worship Room is always secure. Jeff will let the Center know of these requirements.
- The Properties Team acknowledged that they are unable to care for the needs of the property as they arise. They are calling on Jeff and Jamie to arrange for repairs at the parsonage as they are needed.