

Consistory Highlights

August 19, 2025

New Business

- Nancy introduced the idea of an adult Christian education class on the four Sundays of Advent following fellowship hour. A recommendation was made that an organizational team headed by Nancy be formed, and that any expenses incurred will come from the New Ministries line in the 2025 budget. Consistory approved the recommendation (M/S/C).
- Mark reported that a new desktop computer has been purchased and installed in Barb Reid's office at a cost of approximately \$860. He recommended that we use memorial money given by the Lewis family in memory of Bud Lewis, and designated for technological improvements. \$525 remains in that fund. Mark recommended that the balance come from the Co-Mingled Fund. The recommendation was approved (M/S/C).
- Nancy introduced the idea of having a fellowship gathering with our new friends at the Neshanic Reformed Church and possibly another church. She suggested a progressive dinner and the sharing of the history of each church. Consistory gave her its blessing to pursue the idea.
- Mark and Barb informed Consistory of the bequest to the church made by Dave Dorey, who passed away earlier this year. In order to receive the funds a form/letter must be signed, witnessed, and notarized. Barb, Mark, and Lee will complete the necessary paperwork.
- Mark informed Consistory that Classis is recommending that churches who have a minister supervisor pay that supervisor \$200 per month for their time/responsibilities that include attending Consistory meetings, consulting with church leaders, and acting as liaison to Classis. Consistory approved paying the supervisor \$200 per month (M/S/C).
- Rev. Tom Jones reported that due to personal reasons he is stepping down as our supervisor. Rev. Dave Kahler, a Delaware/Raritan Classis minister, will take his place.
- **Board of Elders** – The Elders met prior to the Consistory meeting to approve the recommendation that Anika Prince attend confirmation classes at the Hillsborough Reformed Church under the instruction of Rev. Jeff Knol. She will be confirmed into membership at BRC upon completion of the classes.

Team Reports

Properties – Consistory reviewed two estimates provided by the Properties Team for paving the parking lot. They unanimously voted to award the contract to Hick's Paving. Lee will instruct Peggy Querec to sign the contract on behalf of the Properties Team. The funds will come from the Restoration Fund, The Johnson Memorial Fund, and from BVS.

Worship – Barb asked Consistory to approve the suspension of taking attendance at church, a procedure that was implemented when we restarted in-person worship after worshiping remotely due to Covid. Consistory approved the suspension of taking attendance but asked that the number of people attending worship each week be recorded.

Hospitality – Sonya agreed to be the Consistory liaison to the team.

Cemetery – Laura reported that we are awaiting decisions by the Landmark Commission with regard to the fence. Replacing the fence is still an option, but it may become necessary to take the existing fence down completely. Evelyn Cochran continues to work with the Landmarks Commission.