

Woodstock Reformed Church Consistory Minutes

Feb 26, 2025

Present: Elders: Carol Kenyon, Bill Rhoads. Jen Reilly Bluma, Sue Ulrich Excused: Montine Jordan
Deacons: Larry Todd, Nicole Arana Excused: Jess Wisneski Absent: Jicky Schnee
Pastor Cari

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Pastor Cari and opening prayer was offered by Sue.

Completion of the Consistorial Report was done. Suggestions for addressing accessibility for individuals with disability challenges included the following:

- Closed captions to be offered on zoomed Sunday morning services
- A few copies of the bulletin in large print
- A bathroom on the same floor as the sanctuary
- Training of how to use the lift (elevator)
- Better access to seating

Election of individuals to Search Committee, which will number eight.

Nominees: Jess Wisneski, Marlene Hass, Mariana Lavalley Genson, Annie LaValle, Candy Boderck, Lisa Krause, Mike Turner, Bill Pfaff, Howard Whitehouse, Jim Ulrich, Krista Cayea, Kristal Denisulk

Final outcome to be determined after Jicky's vote is received. Jess and Montine gave their ballots to Pastor Cari before the meeting. Cari recused herself from voting. Update: final vote tally showed the following as elected to search committee: Jess, Marlene, Marianna, Bill P., Howard, Jim, Krista, and Kristal.

Deacons were excused and Elders remained to consider personnel matters which are their responsibility.

Elders meeting:

Management of issues related to property and grounds and the make-up of that committee were discussed. It was determined that this will be under further consideration at our meeting next week. We will have the input of Pastor Kendra VanHouten at that time. Elders will vote on a matter of leadership, re: rental groups and contracts, and whom the point person(s) will be.

Challenges to the management of finances were discussed. Financial issues have become much more demanding and there are updated ways of dealing with them. There is a bookkeeper available to work for our church on a part-time basis. She is currently responsible for handling the books for the Classis as well as Old Dutch and Flatbush Reformed Churches (plus 2-3 other congregations). Our current treasurer has worked for so many years and we are very grateful for that. In a unanimous vote, it was determined to hire Pat Allen at a yearly cost of \$3500 plus mileage (she will be coming from Kingston) and purchase the QuickBooks program at a cost of approximately \$1000 with additional cost of installation. Suggestions were made of suitable ways of expressing our appreciation to our treasurer. Pastor Cari, as president of Consistory, and Sue, as vice president, will arrange a meeting with our treasurer.

The meeting closed with prayer offered by Pastor Cari at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ulrich, clerk