

CONSISTORY MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 8, 2009

Present: The Rev. Dr. Charles Wiessner, Elders David Francis, Ron Hamm, Bill Kalsbeek, Ed Matson, Deacons Brooke Johnson, Mike Shafer, and Clerk Liz White. Excused: Elder Chris Forte

Motions passed during the meeting:

Approval of agenda, approval of two sets of minutes, continue arrangement with part-time office assistant until the March consistory meeting, to have Liz White serve as Clerk of Consistory for another year, support regional synod with donation, accept the donated artificial Christmas tree, and adjournment.

Consistory email actions

Consistory agreed with mission's request to help ICC for December's mission.

Items of note

Committee assignments remain the same because no requests were made for change. Officers will remain the same because there were no changes in the makeup of Consistory that would cause a change in length of time served on consistory. VP will remain Elder Ron Hamm and Classis Representative duties will be shared by Elders David Francis and Ed Matson.

There was no formal treasurer's report because some information was not available in time. Preliminary information indicated that November was a better month with less outgoing than incoming.

Ideas for the January Consistory Retreat were discussed. The focus will be on where we go now and how to improve communication with the congregation.

The need for an active Safety Committee was discussed and an attempt will be made to find someone willing to head that and get things moving forward.

A joint committee has been formed consisting of 2 members of FRCC and 2 members of ICC. They will be getting together to generate ideas and propose a plan for a visual display for the wall facing the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

From Building & Grounds - The HVAC system was repaired. Work on the prayer garden is suspended until Spring when scaffolding can be used to work on the cross. A potential volunteer to serve as building coordinator will be discussing the role with Mike.

From Education - The Christmas Program was moved to December 13 at 5:00.

From Fellowship - The cookie exchange was a huge success, a caroling event was planned, there will be a luncheon on the 20th, Christmas cookies are to be shared on the 27th.

From Mission - Mission will assist Classis in support of a missionary. Support for Synod was approved. The December mission will be to assist ICC with neighborhood outreach. FRCC donated 54 boxes to Operation Christmas Child. The January mission will be to support our RCA missionaries in Eastern Europe.

From Outreach, Retention, & Communications - The Advent booklets were produced in house and they have received many positive comments.

From Stewardship - Both the number of pledges received and the amount of the pledges was down considerably from last year. Pledge cards are still available. New envelopes will be handed out soon and the yearly statements are in process. The list of Time & Talent forms will be sent to the appropriate committee contacts as soon as they are collated.

From Worship - A decision was made to use an artificial tree to eliminate any potential problems with the officials of the town of Cary. Blue Christmas Service will be December 20 at 7:00. Christmas Eve Service will also be at 7:00. Communion is scheduled for January 3.