

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETINGS
OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
FRANKLIN STREET, EAST MILLSTONE~

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The regular monthly meeting of the Consistory was held at the home of our Pastor, Dr. Hoffman on Tuesday evening, January 17, 1962.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
Elders Van Nuys
Naruta
Huie
Deacons Bryan
Millazzo
Engleman

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. The Treasurer's Report showed a current balance of \$1,816.37 and a benevolence account of \$247.14.

Elder Naruta reported on the meeting with Mr. Elmer Brewer regarding the servicing of the church furnace and the approximate cost of same, to be about \$80. Also discussed was the repairs and fireproofing needed for the wall immediately behind the furnace. Mr. Brewer also extended an offer to furnish fuel oil to the church which provides for a one cent discount of the normal price.

Upon proper motion and second of same, the Consistory noted to accept Mr. Brewer's recommendations and to have him make the necessary repairs. The Consistory also voted to have Mr. Brewer provide the fuel oil and to accept his service contract.

Upon motion of Elder Van Nuys and seconded by Elder Naruta, the Consistory voted to cancel the fuel oil and service contract with the present supplier, Richards Fuel Oils, Inc. of Somerville, N. J., effective as of this date.

Upon motion of Elder Van Nuys and seconded by Deacon Millazzo, the Consistory appointed Deacon Bryan to serve as Church Treasurer. Elder Van Nuys will serve as Assistant Treasurer.

Dr. Hoffman then introduced for the Consistory's consideration the Reformed Churches United Fund Appeal. After considerable discussion and review of the appeal and its material, the Consistory asked for additional time to study this appeal before any formal action.

The Consistory and Dr. Hoffman acknowledged the annual forms and reports as per the Particular Synod and other church groups.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder Huie.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Naruta, Jr.
Alexander Naruta, Jr.
Clerk of the Consistory

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING -- February 13, 1962

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman. In attendance at the meeting were:

Dr. Hoffman	Deacons Bryan
Elders Van Nuys	Covert
Huie	Engelmann

A Treasurer's Report was given by Deacon Bryan. He reported that the final payment for Voorhees Hall has been made. He also told of his visit with Mr. Rizzolo, their lawyer for the purpose of going over the deed. It was his suggestion that a resolution be made to change the official name of our church to the East Millstone Reformed Church in the corporate charter. Also that we instruct Mr. Rizzolo to obtain a stamp which will be necessary for legal transactions, the fee to be \$25. A motion to do so was made by Deacon Covert, seconded by Elder Huie and passed unanimously.

Deacon Bryan then reported the contract of sale for Voorhees Hall states that all taxes and insurance to be paid by the purchaser. Mr. Rizzolo said we were fully within our rights to demand repayment for taxes paid by us amounting to \$400. The question arose as to whether we should be guided by our previous agreement to equally share insurance costs insofar as taxes are concerned. It was suggested one member of the Consistory meet with a member of the Lodge to discuss this and to have Mr. Rizzolo sit as referee. Such a motion was made by Elder Van Nuys, seconded by Elder Huie and unanimously passed.

Chairman of the Building Committee was not present. However, work is under way on the interior of the Church and Deacon Covert reported the electrical work is moving along very well.

The problem of inadequate heat in the small basement rooms was brought up and it was decided the building committee should get together on this.

The question of keeping the Church open all summer was brought up and it was decided this should be put to vote at the Congregational Meeting. Dr. Hoffman suggested that at the same meeting we present a suggestion that Consistory terms be changed to two years on and two years off.

If the Church is open all summer we will need a new organist by the end of July as our present organist is leaving for school the first of September and wants some time off during August. This will be brought to the attention of Deacon Kay of the Music Committee.

Lawyer Rizzolo joined our meeting at this point and explained the changes in our corporate charter. He also agreed to be the referee in our meeting with the Lodge.

The New Brunswick Seminar has requested \$1600. from us in their Fund Drive. The Consistory discussed the possibility of donating \$100. a year for the next three years with a possibility of increasing this whenever possible. No formal action was taken.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The above minutes were obtained by Deacon Engelmann and

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MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING -- March 20, 1962

The regular monthly meeting of the Consistory was held at the Church Chapel on Tuesday evening, March 20. Those present were:

Dr. Hoffman	Deacons Bryan
Elders Van Nuys	Engelman
Naruta	Millazzo

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. The Treasurer's Report showed a current balance of \$4,647.06 and a benevolence account of \$163.42. The Minutes of the previous meeting, upon clarification, were accepted as read.

Deacon Bryan reported on his activities with the Odd Fellows Lodge on the Voorhees Hall tax situation and that Mr. Beyer and Mr. Snyder of the Lodge would be present this evening to affect a solution.

Deacon Millazzo reported that there remains about two days work on the interior plastering. Mr. Cunningham has taken advantage of the fine Spring weather to do some other outside work, but that he would return later this current week to complete the remaining few days' work. Dr. Hoffman asked Deacon Millazzo the extent of Mr. Cunningham's responsibility in cleaning up the church as there appears to be some question as to the effectiveness of his efforts to date. Deacon Millazzo stated that the responsibilities, while not formalized, call for Mr. Cunningham to clean up, that what his work was responsible for, but it did not call for a general church house cleaning. This, if needed, was our responsibility.

Deacon Millazzo reported that when Deacon Covert was in the process of trying to install a new light fixture in the foyer between the church and the chapel, he discovered that the ceiling and ceiling beams were in very poor condition. So poor that he, Deacon Covert, would not trust them to support his weight and was unable to install the light fixture. Deacon Millazzo recommended that the Consistory consider making the necessary ceiling repairs and replastering of the ceiling and side walls in light of the fact that Mr. Cunningham was still working for us and available and that this would take care of a situation that would have to be acknowledged sooner or later. He had discussed this with Mr. Cunningham and he agreed to do the necessary work for \$260. Upon motion by Elder Van Nuys, seconded by Deacon Bryan, the Consistory, upon very thorough discussion, instructed Deacon Millazzo to obtain the services of Mr. Cunningham to repair and replace the ceiling beams in the foyer and to replaster the ceiling and side walls as per the \$260. figure, this to include the work as well as the material needed.

At this point, Mr. Beyer and Mr. Snyder of the Odd Fellows Lodge attended the meeting to discuss the Voorhees Hall tax problem. It was formally agreed and settled that this item was to be acknowledged as per the Minutes of the Consistory Meeting of September 19, 1961. It was also agreed and settled that the Odd Fellows would refund the amount of \$67.15, the Feb. 1, 1962 taxes due, already paid by the Treasurer. Also, that any insurance premium situations would be acknowledged as per the Sept. 19, 1961 Minutes. The Treasurer would examine these items and will meet if necessary with the Lodge to acknowledge any financial transaction.

Deacon Millanzo presented Mr. and Mrs. Stocks' request to retille the Personage Kitchen floor. The Stocks would furnish the material and labor needed to accomplish this and hope that they may have the Consistory's permission. The Consistory unanimously granted this permission.

Dr. Hoffman presented the item of Summer Church closing. Upon a very thorough discussion, and upon a motion by Deacon Bryan, seconded by Deacon Engelmann, the Consistory unanimously decided to present this question to a vote by the Congregation. It was also part of the motion that it would require a 2/3 majority vote by the Congregation to change the current policy.

The Consistory upon discussion and proper motion unanimously acknowledged the following actions:

1. Set Wednesday, April 4, 1962 at 6:30 p.m. as the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting.
2. Provided for Communion Services at 8:00 p.m. for Good Friday, April 20.
3. To present to the Congregation, the nomination of Mr. Richard Nevius and Mr. George Wilmot, to the office of Elder for a two year term.
4. To present to the Congregation, the nomination of Mr. John Brockelhurst and Mr. David Pierce, to the office of Deacon for a two year term.
5. Instructed the Clerk to inform, by letter, the Women's League, of the Consistory's policy on their participation on the Church Committees and ask for their participation.

Deacon Bryan presented the Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation as drawn up by Mr. Rizzolo, Attorney. This document changes the Church Title to read, "The East Millstone Reformed Church". This action is made necessary because of titles used in the Endowment Fund Agreement and title of deed on Voorhees Hall transactions. Upon proper motion, the Consistory unanimously approved the Certificate of Amendment, the change in church title, and instructed Deacon Bryan to proceed to legally acknowledge this Amendment.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Naruta, Jr.

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Clerk of the Consistory

The Annual Congregational Dinner was held the evening of April 4, 1962 at the Church Chapel for the purpose of review and discussion of the Church's accomplishments, progress and problems for the past and coming year. A fine attendance by the Congregation was evident.

Our Pastor, Dr. Hoffman, led the Congregation in prayer, and upon conclusion of a supper fit for kings, the Congregation got down to the task at hand.

Mr. Mills, our Superintendent of Sunday School reported on the activities of the Sunday School. There are currently 74 children in attendance with Mrs. Hillyer, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Brocklehurst and himself in the capacity of teachers. He also touched on various problems such as the old steam table, the use of the balcony for class purposes, the repairs to the cellar walls and foundation as dust and mortar were becoming an increased problem. There is currently a balance of \$361.07 in the Sunday School fund, with a principal expenditure of \$101.13 for the classroom additions in the cellar. Mr. Mills expressed his deepest gratitude to the teachers and everyone for a most successful year.

Mrs. Peg Evans reported on the Vacation Bible School which will be conducted again this summer. Mrs. Evans also reported on the activities of the Women's League. The League activities this past year included the purchase of 12 new tables and a new steam table. These expenditures amounted to \$719. The April 25 Fish and Chips Dinner was brought to the Congregation's attention. Mrs. Evans thanked one and all for the splendid cooperation of so many people during the past year.

Mrs. Hoffman reported on the Choir activities, both senior and junior. The Thursday evening practice sessions will continue: 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. for the juniors and 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. for the seniors. Mrs. Hoffman expressed her pleasure with the very fine practice attendance and with the attitude and progress of both choirs. Mr. Hoffman made known that our organist, Mr. Judson, will be leaving us as of the last Sunday in July. He will be attending College in September on a music scholarship. Mr. Hoffman thanked the many, many people who gave of their time and themselves and especially to Mrs. Beifelt, Mrs. Hillyer, Dean and Glenn Covert, Floyd and Peg Evans.

Elder Van Nuys reported for the Consistory and expressed the Consistory's pleasure with the devotion and services of our pastor, Dr. Hoffman. He also extended the Consistory's gratitude to the Women's League, the Sunday School, the Vacation Bible School and to Mrs. Hoffman and her two choirs for their splendid contribution to the services of the Church. Elder Van Nuys extended the Consistory's gratitude to the Congregation for the many splendid accomplishments of the past year, but also most forcefully commented on improvement of attendance of Sunday Church Services.

Deacon Bryan presented the Treasurer's Report which shows a current expenditure balance of \$1212.58 and a Benevolence balance of \$173.07. The Endowment Fund currently stands at \$16,020.06. Deacon Bryan expressed the hope that this Fund could be built up to \$25,000 and explained the benefits possible with a Fund that size. He reported on the progress of the pledges and that they are being met. He also made known that

while envelopes were made up to serve 87 church members, only 59 members were using them. He asked the Congregation's pleasure as to further use of envelopes. The Congregation, upon proper motion and second of same, adopted the continuing use of collection envelopes.

Deacon Millazzo reported on building and grounds, and expressed the Consistory's pleasure with the Church plastering done by Mr. Cunningham. There remains the foyer between the church and chapel and a few other odd and ends. Decorating is next and he hoped for the expressions and opinions of the women as this requires the women's touch. While it will take a four to six month period for the plaster to cure, Deacon Millazzo asked the Congregation's pleasure in obtaining painting and decorating contractors immediately to do the job when ready or postpone this action until later in the year. The Consistory, upon motion and second of same, expressed desire for immediate action.

Dr. Hoffman then expressed his pleasure in serving the Church and the Congregation and his deepest gratitude with the response of the Congregation. He then brought up the item of Summer Services. After considerable discussion and deliberation the Congregation by ballot vote, voted 21-17 for the closing of the Church during the usual Summer period. The United Fund Appeal was presented to the Congregation. Again, after considerable discussion and deliberation, the Congregation instructed the Consistory to appoint a Fund Chairman and Committee to handle the Appeal as a distinct activity. Mr. John Brocklehurst was designated as Fund Chairman.

Elder Naruta then presented the following nominations for new Elders: Mr. Nevius and Mr. Wilnot. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed upon motion by Mr. Garretson and seconded by Mrs. Millazzo. The Congregation unanimously elected Mr. Nevius and Mr. Wilnot and instructed the Clerk to cast the ballot to acknowledge same.

Elder Naruta then presented the following nominations for new Deacons: Mr. Brocklehurst and Mr. Pearce. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed upon motion by Mrs. Mettler, seconded by Mr. Garretson. The Congregation unanimously elected Mr. Brocklehurst and Mr. Pearce and instructed the Clerk to cast the ballot to acknowledge same.

Dr. Hoffman then thanked everyone for a most enjoyable and constructive meeting and the Women's League for the preparation of an excellent supper. He closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Naruta, Jr.
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Clerk of the Consistory

Approved 18 April, 1963
J. Brocklehurst
Clerk

The regular monthly meeting of the Consistory was held at the home of our Pastor, Dr. Hoffman, on Tuesday evening, April 17, 1962.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
Elder Van Nuys
Naruta
Deacons Bryan
Covert

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. The Treasurer's Report showed a current balance of \$1,666.19 and a benevolence account of \$210.62. The Treasurer, Deacon Bryan, reported that all legal matters concerning the passing of title and deed on the Voorhees Hall property to the Odd Fellows Lodge have been completed. Also, that he has been reimbursed the sum of \$67.15 by the Lodge for the tax payment made on the Feb. 1, 1962 tax bill. There still remains a small adjustment to be made on the fire and liability insurance premiums on this property. The Treasurer also reported that the necessary legal procedures have been accomplished relative to the Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Church. This amendment has been properly recorded not only in the County records in Somerville, N. J. but also in the State records at Trenton, N. J. Also, Mr. Cunningham has been paid in full, as per the contract, for the church interior plastering.

Dr. Hoffman brought out that with the Fish and Chips Dinner being held on April 25, it might be advisable to postpone the plastering and ceiling work on the foyer between the Church and the Chapel until after the 25th. The Consistory was completely in agreement with this suggestion and instructed Elder Naruta to contact Deacon Millazzo in the morning so that Mr. Cunningham may be made aware of our wishes.

Deacon Covert reported on the condition of the interior basement and foundation walls in the two newly partitioned basement Sunday Schoolrooms. There appears to be considerable deterioration in the brick itself as well as the existing plaster. This is causing not only a serious structural problem but also a problem in keeping the rooms clean as well as the children's clothing. After a number of suggested possible solutions, including the use of whitewash, Deacon Covert was instructed to contact Mr. Cunningham to explore possible solutions of a more permanent nature.

Deacon Covert Also reported that the furnace stack had pulled away from the Church chimney. This occurred after the conclusion of repairs and adjustments made by Mr. Brewer of Elmer Brewer, Somerville, N. J. Elder Evans has made the necessary temporary repairs but permanent measures are necessary. Elder Naruta was instructed by the Consistory to contact Mr. Brewer and make the situation known to him and request his immediate attention to the problem.

At this point, Deacon Bryan brought up the fact that the bill for the ductwork in connection with the two new basement Sunday Schoolrooms was still not available to him and as a result he is not able to conclude this account.

Dr. Hoffman made known that he will again contact the Company and see if a bill would be presented or not. Verbal agreement on the cost of this work was in the neighborhood of \$40.00.

To acknowledge the stated wishes of the Congregation as to the United Fund Appeal, the Consistory, upon proper motion and second of same, will ask Mr. John Brockelhurst to act as Chairman of this Appeal. Dr. Hoffman and Mr. Brockelhurst will develop ways and means to accomplish this activity in a most proper and expeditious manner.

Dr. Hoffman again reviewed the reasons and purpose of his Bible discussions with the Junior Choir during Sunday Services. The Consistory unanimously expressed their approval of this activity but also expressed a hope that Dr. Hoffman's Sunday sermon, an item always eagerly anticipated and looked forward to, would not be too severely curtailed under these circumstances. Dr. Hoffman assured the Consistory it would not. In connection with the activities with the Juniors, Dr. Hoffman proposed the holding of an occasional church supper for the Juniors. This would do much in the way of providing needed Junior church activities and would provide some measure of recognition for this group. Dr. Hoffman would like to discuss this with Mrs. Covert and others as to its feasibility. The Consistory wholeheartedly approved this proposal.

Dr. Hoffman then asked the Consistory to reconsider the action taken at the Congregational Meeting on the Summer Closing of the Church. He pointed out that a majority of the members present that evening did express the desire to remain open and that considerable comment had come to his attention since that meeting and it would be most wise to thoroughly explore and consider all aspects. The Consistory, after considerable and most thoughtful discussion, decided a special meeting on this topic was in order. This in the light of the fact that a number of the members was not present this evening and that it was most necessary to have as many as possible in attendance to arrive at a proper decision. A special meeting is to be held April 24th as designated.

The Consistory upon discussion and proper motion unanimously acknowledged the following actions:

1. Set aside the first Saturday in May at 9:00 a.m. for Church clean-up.
2. Instructed the Deacons to provide usher facilities and to distribute as thoroughly as possible the available hymn books for the Easter Sunday Services.
3. Approved the request of the Clerk to purchase a new Minute Book.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Naruta, Jr.
Alexander Naruta, Jr.
Clerk of the Consistory

A special meeting of the Consistory was held at the home of our Pastor, Dr. Hoffman on Tuesday evening, April 24, 1962. Those present were:

Dr. Hoffman
Elders Van Nuys
Naruta
Huie

Deacons Bryan
Millazzo
Covert

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. The purpose of this meeting was to consider and study the action taken at the April 4 Congregational Meeting on the closing of the Church during the period following the third Sunday in July until the Sunday following Labor Day in September. The Consistory gave this topic its most solemn and sincere consideration. Upon an extremely careful and thorough study and a complete and searching discussion, the Consistory, upon a motion by Deacon Millazzo, seconded by Deacon Covert, unanimously approved and agreed that the church remain open and available for Sunday services during the period in question. The Consistory instructed Dr. Hoffman to make the proper and necessary announcement from the pulpit at this coming Sunday services.

In conjunction with this, the Consistory upon a motion by Elder Huie, seconded by Deacon Covert established that: the Sunday following the Children's Day Service, Sunday services would commence at 9:30 a.m. and this 9:30 hour would remain and continue until the Sunday following Labor Day. On that Sunday, services would again return to 11:10 a.m. hour.

In other business during the meeting, Dr. Hoffman made known that Mr. John Brockelhurst found it impossible at this time to accept the chairmanship of the United Fund Appeal. In the discussion and deliberation that followed on this matter, Deacon Millazzo made his services available and accepted the chairmanship of this Appeal. To present this Appeal in its proper prospective, the Consistory acknowledged the suggestion of Dr. Hoffman and Chairman Millazzo and will make available the services of Rev. Earl Winters to speak to the Congregation on this Appeal. Dr. Hoffman will make the necessary arrangements.

During the week, Dr. Hoffman had an occasion to enter the ceiling area over the church organ and in doing so, examined the ceiling over the foyer. It is his belief that it may be entirely possible that this ceiling may not be in need of the repairs called for and approved by the Consistory. The Consistory instructed Deacon Covert to further examine this ceiling and to report his findings.

The Easter Sunday services made it most evident that the Church is in need of additional hymn books. Dr. Hoffman made known of a possible exchange or trade-in situation whereby it may be possible for us to "trade-in" our old and current hymn books for new ones as well as purchasing additional ones. Dr. Hoffman will have more information on this item for the next meeting.

Dr. Hoffman also suggested the Consistory explore the possibility of hanging back on the wall, the church bulletin. The Consistory will acknowledge but also decided that current bulletin should not be replaced by a new and more modern one.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Consistory -- April 24, 1962

The Consistory instructed the Clerk to write a letter to Mrs. Peg Evans asking her if she would again assume and conduct this year's Daily Vacation Bible School and to express our most sincere and grateful appreciation of her efforts in this activity over these many years.

Deacon Bryan, the Treasurer, made known that the Easter Endowment Fund Collection amounted to \$364.40. This represents the largest single collection ever enjoyed by the Endowment Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder Naruta.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Naruta, Jr.
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Clerk of the Consistory

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING - May 15, 1962

The meeting was held at the home of our minister, Dr. Hoffman. Those present were:

Dr. Hoffman
Elders Nevius
Wilmot

Deacons Brocklehurst
Covert
Pearce
Treas. Bryan

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. Deacon Brocklehurst was elected Clerk of the Consistory to succeed Mr. Naruta.

Treasurer Bryan declared a balance of \$250.50 and a balance of \$249.27 in the Benevolence Fund. The insurance has been settled with the Lodge.

Elder Van Nuys in his absence was elected Consistory Vice President.

The following Committee Chairmen were elected:

Dean Covert - Building and Grounds
Ad Van Nuys - Finance (Joint Endowment and Finance)
George Wilmot - Music
David Pearce - Church Activities
(Purpose - to activate youth particularly boys, e.g. basketball, films, talks, etc.)
R. Nevius - Pulpit Replacements
(assisted by Elder Van Nuys)

Elder George Wilmot with the help of Mrs. Hoffman will secure a qualified organist by the Fall (possibly Donald Schilke).

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING - May 15, 1962 (contd)

Elder Nevius proposed that "Chairman Dean Covert arrange for the decorating of the church to commence no later than September 1, 1962". Motion was passed.

Elder Wilmot will contact Drake of Harlingen to discuss the renovation of the basement hallway leading to the Sunday School classrooms.

Elder Nevius said that it may be possible to sell the odds and ends collected in the church basement at the Franklin Park Kiwanis' auction.

Deacon Covert suggested that the church book-racks be repaired. Dean Covert's father-in-law is willing to repair same and only charge for material used. Communicant cups will be added where needed.

A clean-up session led by Elder Wilmot will remove the brush, garbage and tree stump from behind the church. Deacon Covert will ask Elmer Drake to check the water pump in the Parsonage. Dr. Hoffman expressed his concern over the lack of decent floor covering in the church toilet rooms.

There being no more business to discuss Elder Richard Nevius closed the meeting with a prayer. Meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst
Clerk of the Consistory

Absent: Engelman, Huie
Stanton Kay, E. Van Nuys

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING - June 17, 1962

A brief meeting of the Consistory took place Sunday, June 17 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Frank Jonas and his brother, Glen Mathew Jonas were received into the Church by the Elders R. Nevius, E. Van Nuys and G. Wilmot.

Dr. Hoffman asked the Constitutional Question, i.e. "Was there any just reason why Holy Sacraments could not be served at the service of Holy Communion?" The answers were in the negative.

Also present: D. Pearce and J. Brocklehurst. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

June 18, 1962

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Wilbur Bryan reported a bank balance of \$2757.57 and a benevolent balance of \$500. The Women's League have given a check for \$500. to be used in the Building Fund.

Deacon Dean Covert's brother-in-law has already replaced half of the church's book-racks. The Clerk of the Consistory Brocklehurst was instructed to write a letter of appreciation. The Consistory then made an inspection of the south interior wall of the basement hallway leading towards the Sunday School rooms. A motion was then made by Elder George Wilmot and seconded by Elder Richard Nevius "to accept the contract as bid by Messrs. Drake of Harlingen to repair the south interior wall of the basement hallway for \$325. Motion passed.

The above named moved a motion to have the basement stairs repaired for \$110, also by Messrs. Drake. Motion passed. Deacon Covert will contact Messrs. Drake to ensure completion of the necessary repairs to the plumbing system of the Parsonage.

Dr. Hoffman described the correct procedure to be used at the service of Holy Communion.

Deacon David Pearce was directed to organize transportation of youngsters to the Christian Endeavor Seminar to be held each Thursday night in July in Somerville. Later in the Fall, monthly meetings will be held for the benefit of these same youngsters. Dr. Hoffman expressed his willingness to give talks and show films.

Dr. Hoffman will probably take two weeks vacation in September and two in October.

Tony Millazzo will mail a letter to all church members concerning pledges to external church fund drives.

The Consistory agreed that as a body it would visit other churches to obtain ideas on how best to decorate our own church, Millstone and Cranbury were suggested. It was also decided that "ironclad specifics" should be made clear when drawing up the painting contract.

Dr. Hoffman made the happy announcement that the church Endowment Fund will receive a check for \$5000. from Mr. Anders Jordahl of Canal Road, East Millstone. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr. Jordahl.

It was not decided as to how the "effects" in the church basement would be sold. A choice lies between the Women's League and the Kiwanis.

Elder Wilmot made a motion to adjourn. Deacon Brocklehurst said the closing prayer.

Present: Dr. Hoffman
R. Nevius
W. Bryan
D. Pearce
W. Engelmann

Absent: E. Van Nuys
G. Wilmot
D. Covert
J. Brocklehurst
T. Huie

Respectfully Submitted,
J.B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

Dr. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
R. Nevius
G. Wilmot
D. Covert
E. Van Nuys
T. Huie
D. Pearce
J. Brocklehurst

In the absence of Treasurer Wilbur Bryan (hospitalized), Elder A. Van Nuys reported that there is \$2432.33 in the Treasury and \$233.52 in the Benevolence Fund.

Tony Millazzo will mail letters to all church members concerning the subject of external fund raising.

Ed Van Nuys made a motion seconded by Elder Richard Nevius to reimburse Dr. Hoffman with \$15.00 which was subscribed to the Peace Fellowship. Motion passed.

Elder George Wilmot proposed that Deacon Stanton Kaye be asked to resign from the Consistory because he now lives in Florida; seconded by Tom Huie, motion passed.

John Brocklehurst proposed that George Wilmot contact a firm to inspect the church chandelier and organ pipes in order to renovate same; seconded by Deacon Tom Huie, motion passed (to submit a bid on same).

Deacon David Pearce reported that he and some of the children had made two visits to the Christian Endeavor Seminar at South Branch and plan to attend a third and final session on the 26th of July.

Deacon Bill Engelmann will have a paint consultant inspect the church interior.

The Consistory and any member of the church is invited to visit the Cranbury and Hightstown churches on Saturday, August 18. The party will leave East Millstone at 2:30 p.m.

Richard Nevius will contact Mrs. Evans, President of the Women's League and discuss the sale of items stored in the church basement, i.e., Kiwanis Fair and Sale versus East Millstone Sale?

Dean Couvert reported that plumbing repairs in the parsonage are being taken care of. George Wilmot will remove the tree stump from the parsonage property.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder Van Nuys.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Brocklehurst
John Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

Dr. Hoffman called the meeting to order with a prayer. Those present were:

Dr. Hoffman	D. Couvert
G. Wilmot	B. Van Nuys
R. Nevius	D. Pearce

J. Brocklehurst

The Clerk, John Brocklehurst read the Minutes of the previous meeting. These were accepted after correction was made. Reason for the proposed tour of local churches is to glean ideas for redecorating our own church. Added to these Minutes is a copy of George Wilmot's tentative list of specifications for painting the church.

The Consistory will meet at 2:30 p.m. August 18 in order to tour local churches for the above stated reason. Any member of the church is invited to join the tour.

Elder Richard Nevius and Elder George Wilmot moved that the Buildings and Grounds Committee submit specifications for painting the church and to request bids from contractors to complete the contract. Motion passed.

The Consistory at this time inspected the floor in the pews and decided that its present condition is satisfactory and does not warrant repair.

The Church Women's League will be requested to proceed with the proposed sale of effects in the church basement. The Kiwanis have cancelled their sale.

The Consistory agreed that the Summer Church Service Schedule of 9:30 a.m. instead of 11:10 a.m. has proved both popular and successful.

Treasurer, Wilbur Bryan was absent, convalescing from an accident incurred while working on the renovation of the Old Forge in Millstone. These figures were submitted to the Clerk at another time. Amount in Treasury \$2854.67, Benevolence Fund \$261.87.

Deacon Dean Couvert suggested that one new lock and a new door be purchased for the front of the church.

After a prayer, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

Dr. Hoffman, the minister, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer, Wilbur Bryan, returning after his accident, reported a bank balance of \$3151.93 and \$304.12 in the Benevolence Fund. Dr. Hoffman read a letter from Mr. R. J. McCready asking that he urge the congregation to vote on Tuesday, September 25, and to support the School Bond issue. The Consistory did not think it proper to take such action.

The Consistory agreed that a letter concerning a Layman's Retreat scheduled for Saturday, October 6 at the Preakness Reformed Church of Wayne, N. J. should be read to the entire congregation on Sunday. It is recorded that this letter from Eugene Brown was received.

Stanton Kay now residing in Georgia has not yet replied to Dr. Hoffman's letter concerning the former's resignation from the Consistory.

Mr. Bridgeman of the Middlebush Church has proposed that members of this church meet with members of Middlebush for an exploratory discussion on objectives and methods of promoting better community service. This Consistory thought the suggestion to be worth consideration but added that the Millstone Church should be invited also.

Mr. Nevius reported that the Women's League is not interested in conducting an auction of the effects in the church basement at this time. The Kiwanis will hold an auction in the Spring of 1963. Volunteers will be asked to help clean and sort out the basement some Saturday.

More keys are required by members of the Church to perform their church duties.

The following is a list of Church Committees:

Church Activities - David Pearce, Chairman - Mrs. Gay Mills,
Mrs. Clara Couvert and Mr. Tom Huie

Finance and Endowment Fund - Ed Van Nuys, Chairman -
Wilbur Bryan, Mrs. T. Mettler, T. Millazzo

Music - George Wilmot, Chairman - Mrs. Hoffman
and Mrs. Wilmot

Pulpit Supplies - Mr. Nevius and Ed Van Nuys

George Wilmot reported that Mr. Drake would repair the basement stairs and hallway in the coming week. It was noted that the work should either be completed by October 10 (supper) or not attempted until after that date.

Painting bids for redecorating the church have been distributed by Deacon William Engelmann. A copy of the bid is filed with the Secretary.

Dr. Hoffman will draw attention to the function of the "Little Churches" from the pulpit during the Sunday Services.

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING - September 21, 1962 (contd)

Elder Richard Nevius complained that last winter's heating cost of the church was excessive by some \$200. It was suggested that access to the thermostat be limited, perhaps by lock and key and by making one person alone responsible for same.

A Christian Endeavour project is being formulated by Dr. Hoffman and Deacon David Pearce.

The Consistory agreed that Holy Communion should be celebrated on the first Sunday of October.

Elder George Wilmot closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brocklehurst
John Brocklehurst
Clerk of the Consistory

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
Elders R. Nevius
A. Van Nuys
G. Wilmot

Deacons D. Pearce
J. Brocklehurst
Treasurer Wilbur Bryan

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING - October 24, 1962

The October meeting was held at the home of the minister, Dr. Hoffman.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
Elders G. Wilmot
T. Huie

Deacons D. Pearce
D. Couvert
J. Brocklehurst
Treas. W. Bryan

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

No answer has been received from Stanton Kay with reference to his resignation from the Consistory since leaving East Millstone for Georgia.

Treasurer Wilbur Bryan reported a bank balance of \$2993.82 and benevolence fund balance of \$346.42. The Endowment Fund has increased by \$599.30 this year to a grand total of \$16,600. Yielding 4% interest annually. Final payment of \$450. has been made thereby eliminating the loan at the Peoples National Bank.

The Consistory and men of churches in Franklin Township will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 1962 at Middlebush Church to discuss ways and means of furthering youth development in the Township.

The Clerk, John Brocklehurst was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pearce of Canal Road, East Millstone for the electric stove donated to the church.

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING -- October 24, 1962 (contd)

John Brocklehurst made a motion seconded by Tom Huie that the Consistory approve the use of the Sunday Schoolroom for a church social, namely: a Square Dance, to be held on Friday, November 2, 1962 and to extend an invitation to all church members and friends. Motion passed.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held December 4. The Church Women's League will arrange a covered dish supper for the occasion.

Wilbur Bryan said that a budget will be ready for approval at the next Consistory meeting and adoption at the Congregational meeting. The Consistory authorized the Finance Committee to distribute \$300. to the Benevolence Fund recipients. A motion was passed authorizing Treasurer Wilbur Bryan to transfer the contents of the Church's safety deposit box from the Manville Bank to the Peoples National Bank in New Brunswick.

A regular meeting night for the Consistory will be determined at the December meeting.

Deacon Brocklehurst suggested that in the future all nominees for election to the Consistory should be notified in advance of the election meeting. This subject will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Elder George Wilmot opened the two bids received for the interior painting of the church:

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| 1. Fred Watts | Basic (two coats) | \$3175. |
| | Additional cost on woodwork | 735. |
| 2. Sian Brothers | Basic | \$2475. |
| | or only one coat on woodwork | 1950. |

After discussion, it was proposed by Elder Tom Huie that the Buildings and Grounds Committee enter into contract for painting the church interior with Sian Brothers of Raritan. Motion was passed. The Building and Grounds Committee consists of Chairman, Dean Couvert, George Wilmot, Richard Nevius and George Evans.

Dean Couvert stated that the front porch needs painting. The Organ pipes are made of zinc not brass. Mr. Larson of South Branch will clean and lacquer the central light fixture for \$190. and the Collection Plates for \$6.50 each.

The Treasurer has already received \$700. in gift tokens for the decoration of the Church. Dr. Hoffman urged the Consistory to visit the Griggstown Church in order to inspect its interior color scheme.

Wilbur Bryan closed the meeting with a prayer.

We then enjoyed coffee and the hospitality of Mrs. Hoffman.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING -- November 18, 1962

The meeting was held in the home of Elder A. Van Nuys on Sunday evening, November 18, 1962.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
Elders R. Nevius
A. Van Nuys
T. Huie
G. Wilmot

Deacon J. Brocklehurst
Treasurer W. Bryan

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

The Consistory was disturbed over the nature of the report of a meeting of the Classis of Raritan under which this church is administered. A review of ministers' salaries led to the decision that a minimum salary is to be observed. The Classis of Raritan does not recognize this church as having a minister (Dr. Hoffman is our Acting Minister).

Mr. Wilbur Bryan, Treasurer, presented the 1963 budget before the Consistory for approval. Elder George Wilmot proposed, Elder Richard Nevius seconded that the budget be approved. Motion passed.

Dr. Hoffman will ask the Congregation to send their donations towards the redecorating fund to Wilbur Bryan, Treasurer.

The Consistory agreed that the matter of Stanton Kay's resignation be dropped.

Wilbur Bryan urged that the "books" be audited at the end of each fiscal year. The Consistory agreed.

The Clerk was instructed to check the minutes in order to find out who has the keys to the church's safety deposit box.

After a prayer, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

We then enjoyed coffee and cake with Mrs. A. Van Nuys.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING -- December 17, 1962

The meeting was held in the home of our Minister, Dr. Hoffman.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman
Elders R. Nevius
A. Van Nuys
T. Huie
G. Wilmot

Deacons D. Couvert
D. Pearce
J. Brocklehurst

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Elder A. Van Nuys reported a bank balance of \$3,263.32 and a Benevolence balance of \$82.12. \$455. has been divided amongst outside organizations by the Finance Committee.

Dr. Hoffman asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of eight (8) Public Service shares.

Interior decorating of the church will commence early in the New Year.

Drake, the builder, will check and repair the water fixtures in the church toilets.

The regular meeting night for Consistory meetings will be the third Monday of each month.

The Auditing Committee will consist of W. Bryan, Glen Couvert and Mrs. Irene Mettler.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Irene Mettler for the Choir Rail which she gave to the church.

The Consistory agreed to continue with the "Little Churches".

Under the direction of Deacon David Pearce, an effort will be made to invite local residents not already church members to join our ranks.

Mr. Nevius closed the meeting with a prayer.

We then enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Hoffman and partook of coffee and cake.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING -- January 14, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Dr. Hoffman at the home of Elder George Wilmot.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Wilbur Bryan reported a balance in the bank of \$3287.08 and a Benevolence Fund balance of \$118.87. A safety deposit box has been opened at the Peoples Bank in New Brunswick. Mr. R. Nevius and Mr. Wilbur Bryan both have keys to the box.

The Finance Committee have had the books audited and have put the gift of \$5,000, from Mr. Jordahl into the Endowment Fund.

Building and Grounds Committee - Damaged windows have been repaired. Two shutters will be replaced. The church has an insurance policy for wind damage. Deacon Dean Covert agreed to raise the chandelier one foot, this will ensure that the minister has a clear view of the clock.

Two door mats will be purchased and sand provided for the sidewalks.

Painting of the church interior will commence during the week of the 14th of January.

The Consistory agreed to help clean the church basement on Saturday, January 19th.

Dr. Hoffman read a list of people who he would like to see invited and encouraged to join and attend the church. Deacon David Pearce as Activities Chairman will follow up by contacting these people.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

We then enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilmot.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst
Clerk of the Consistory

Absent: W. Engelmann
E. Van Nuys (sick)

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH

Minutes of Consistory Meeting

Feb. 18, 1963

The meeting was held at the home of John and Betty Brocklehurst.

Dr. Hoffman opened with a prayer. Special mention was made of Elder A. Van Nuys who is at this time seriously ill. We all wish Ad a speedy recovery.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In the absence of Treasurer, Mr. Wilbur Bryan, Elder Richard Nevius presented the monthly Treasurer's Report: Treasury \$3219.51, Benevolence Fund \$156.87. The Consistory approved the purchase of 100 folding Chapel Banks at \$7.50 per 100. Proposed by Deacon Covert, seconded by Deacon Pearce. A loan of \$2,000. at 5% interest has been taken out at the Peoples National Bank dated Jan. 21, 1963.

A \$1,200. payment has been made for painting completed so far.

The following bills have been paid to Mr. Drake, Builder: \$379.45, basement stairs and hallway; \$575.00, choir rail (to Mrs. T. Mettler); \$391.64, anti-room ceiling, pews, brasswork of doors.

Deacon Brocklehurst moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Elder Huie, motion passed.

Mrs. Toulmin is unable to perform her church janitorial services at present because of a broken wrist, her son is helping in her place.

Deacon Covert will seek bids from professional window-cleaners to wash the church windows.

The Consistory agreed to Dr. Hoffman's suggestion to conduct a Holy Communion Service on the evening of Good Friday, and to receive new church members at the same time.

The Church has the opportunity to enter into a group insurance with the Classis of Raritan. The Consistory agreed that to join would be to the advantage of our Church. Dr. Hoffman will check on our present insurance coverage.

Elder Nevius and A. Van Nuys were elected first and second representatives respectfully to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick Conference.

The invitation list to our special Re-dedication Service of March 3 was checked and additions made.

The meeting was terminated by coffee and tea served by Mrs. Brocklehurst.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brocklehurst, Clerk of the
Consistory

John B. Brocklehurst

March 18, 1963

The Consistory met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nevius. Those present were Dr. Hoffman, Elder Nevius, Treasurer Wilbur Bryan, Deacons D. Pearce, D. Covert and Clerk J. Brocklehurst.

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after some corrections.

The Treasurer reported a bank balance as of March 18 \$2,132.49 and Benevolence \$170.77. A painting bill of \$2,615. has been paid to Sian Brothers of Raritan, an additional \$25. for the anti-room and \$5.00 for shutters.

Buildings & Grounds: Drake Builders will be asked to fix the Hymn Board to the wall. The Consistory will meet Wednesday, April 3 to stain the book racks. George Wilmot will be asked to purchase and spread 3/4" stone around the side porch. Inquiries will be made about the neglected condition of the Township Road and the front porch. Mr. Nevius will inquire about bids to clean the church windows.

John Brocklehurst made a motion, seconded by David Pearce that the B & G Committee discuss the water pipe problem and the placing of second kitchen sink and to make recommendations to the Consistory for approval. Motion passed.

Dr. Hoffman suggested that the Youth group be encouraged to elect its own officers and to organize its own meetings. The Consistory approved the idea. David Pearce will follow up the suggestion.

Wilbur Bryan asked that the Sunday School store its hymn books in the anti-room and use the north stairs instead of the belfry stairs. Mats should be placed on the balcony steps.

The annual Congregational Supper will be held April 18 to elect new Consistory officers. Mr. Nevius proposed that men nominated for office be notified before the election night. Dean Covert seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations: Elders - W. Bryan and Mr. Biefeldt

Deacons - Mr. E. Mills, Glen Covert and Walter Paris.

David Pearce proposed and Richard Nevius seconded the above nominations. Mr. Nevius proposed and Dean Covert seconded a motion "to elect only two Deacons should one of the three nominees decline". Motion passed.

Wilbur Bryan suggested that an assistant treasurer be appointed in the near future to cover Wilbur's absence in the Fall whilst in India on business.

Treasurer Wilbur Bryan closed the meeting with a prayer. We then enjoyed refreshments with Mr. & Mrs. Nevius.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brocklehurst
John Brocklehurst, Clerk of the Consistory

April 15, 1963

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting at his home with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report by Wilbur Bryan showed a balance in the Treasury of \$2,046.31 and Benevolences \$208.87. Easter Sunday Plate Collection amounted to \$222.17 and will be added to the Trust Fund. Total Trust Fund investments to date amount to \$21,841.53; 1962 dividends totaled \$637.67. The Church has one \$1,000. bond with New York Steel Corporation and one \$1,000. bond U. S. Government and 11 shares of Carrier Corp.

Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Nevius will continue to investigate cost of window cleaning. Dean Covert said that a new water line should be laid from the Parsonage to the Church before next Winter. Mr. Nevius and Dr. Hoffman will ensure that the church windows may be opened. George Wilmot will haul and spread road stone around the parsonage and church front.

Dean Covert said that his oldest son, Dean, would like to ring the Church Bell on Sundays. Dean will repair the basement heating ducts.

Hymnals were next discussed. Dr. Hoffman will check on the price of new and second hand books. Wilbur Bryan commented on the poor condition of some of the psalters.

Mr. Nevius suggested that in the future the center seats be saved for visitors rather than seating them in the side pews.

Dr. Hoffman explained the meaning of the Constitutional question. Then followed a brief discussion of the rightful place of flags in the church.

David Pearce will check on the types and price of fire extinguishers.

David Pearce closed the meeting with a prayer. We then enjoyed refreshments with Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman. The Consistory wishes to record its pleasure with the return of Elder A. Van Nuys to its meeting after his long absence through illness.

Those present were: Dr. Hoffman, Wilbur Bryan, Elders Richard Nevius, A. Van Nuys, George Wilmot and Deacons Dean Covert, David Pearce and John Brocklehurst.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Brocklehurst, Clerk of the Consistory

J. Brocklehurst

On Thursday evening, April 18, 1963 thirty-five members of the East Millstone Reformed Church met in the Church Annex to enjoy an excellent covered dish supper and conversed for the annual church business meeting. Dr. Milton Hoffman said Grace Before Supper.

Dr. Hoffman, our minister, opened the business meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the 1962 Annual General Meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was presented by Wilbur Bryan. As of this date the Treasury balance is \$2,046.31 and Benevolence Balance \$208.87. \$300.00 has been paid back to the Peoples National Bank in New Brunswick for a loan of \$2,000.00 taken out to cover the cost of re-decorating the church interior. During 1962, \$995.00 was received as gift money towards the decorating fund. The Treasurer thanked members for keeping up with their contribution envelopes.

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Elder Tom Huie made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Stanley Garretsen, motion passed.

In the absence of Elder George Wilnot who was sick, Elder Richard Nevius reported to assembly for the Consistory. Mr. Nevius noted that the 1963 Easter Sunday Service was the best attended in his memory (approximately 150 people). This fine attendance was felt to be a tribute to Dr. Hoffman.

Elder A. Van Nuys retiring from the Consistory paid further tribute to Dr. Hoffman and said how happy and grateful the church feels towards him. Elder Van Nuys commented favorably on the younger element in the Church.

The assembly records tribute to Mrs. Byrd who passed away during the past year for her dedication to this Church.

Mr. E. K. Mills, Sunday School Superintendent, presented his annual report. Income was \$554.28 more than in 1961, an increase of 30%, unfortunately expenses rose by 50%, \$626.64 more than in 1961. The Sunday School purchased 20 new hymnals. \$51.75 was sent to Jim Dunham in Arabia together with a tape recording of a Sunday School Service and part of our Easter Sunday Church Service. Three Sunday School teachers attended classes in New Brunswick. 71 children are on the rolls a slight reduction in numbers however, there are seven classes instead of six. The additional teacher being Mr. Larry Graham, a senior at Rutgers. Larry has successfully captured the attention of the senior class. Mr. Mills thanked the Consistory for making the basement available for use and for paying the cost. Mr. Mills concluded his report by thanking the teachers: Mrs. Hellyer, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Kline and Mr. Brocklehurst. Mrs. Hoffman and Donald were thanked for providing the music and Mrs. Perry for her assistance.

Dr. Hoffman remarked on the successful Daily Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Clara Covert will commence the 1963 session the week after schools closed for the summer. Dr. Hoffman would like to see the school extended from two to three weeks. Parents are requested to pre-register.

The Women's League annual report was given at length by Mrs. Hoffman. \$500. was given to the church for the redecorating fund. \$394.20 was raised at the Turkey Supper, \$400 at the Christmas Bazaar, \$254.85 at the Fish and Chip Supper. A basket of canned goods was given to an Old Folks Home and \$10. to a Missionary guest speaker. Mrs. Hoffman thanked everyone for their assistance, especially "Engineer" Dean Covert, "Plumber" Floyd Evans and our young organist Donald Schulke.

Dr. Hoffman spoke highly of Dean Covert, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman and thanked him for his endless services to the church. The church also thanks Dean's father-in-law for his work on the book racks.

David Pearce reported on Youth Activities. David is trying to form a young adults group. Larry Graham was thanked for his assistance.

Dr. Hoffman remarked on the successful church Square Dance and commended Mrs. Gay Mills for organizing it.

Mrs. Mary Naruta questioned the Janitorial service. It was pointed out that Mrs. T. Naruta who has performed these duties so well in the past had recently broken her wrist. Mrs. Clara Covert said that it is a man's job.

Dr. Hoffman remarked on the fine interior paint work of Sian Brothers of Raritan. Mr. R. Nevius said that because of Insurance risks professional window washers should be hired for the church.

Mrs. Hoffman asked when a Rummage Sale and Auction would be held. The Consistory will discuss same.

Elder Richard Nevius asked about the time of Summer church services. Mrs. Birkhardt suggested 10:00 a.m. instead of 11:10 a.m. for the summer. Mrs. A. Van Nuys proposed that services commence at 10:00 a.m. for the summer weeks. Seconded by Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. E. K. Mills, motion passed. 17:11 was the recorded vote. Dr. Hoffman stressed how important it is for a child to recognize the necessity of church attendance.

Annual Elections: Elders T. Huie and A. Van Nuys to retire. Wilbur Bryan and Wilbur Bieleedt were the only nominees. A unanimous ballot was cast in their favor as Elders for a two year period.

Deacons Dean Covert and Stanton Kay to retire. Glen Covert and Walter Paris received a unanimous ballot to be Deacons for a two year period.

Dr. Hoffman thanked the church for its loyalty and support. Mrs. Clara Covert suggested that box for suggestions be placed in the church.

Before giving the Benediction at the close of a very enjoyable supper and business meeting, Dr. Hoffman, our minister, reminded us all that "to give a child the impression that church is of no importance is worse than no ~~relations~~ RELIGION at all".

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Brocklehurst
Clerk of the Consistory

J.B. Brocklehurst

Dr. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Room and began with a prayer.

The Treasurer, Wilbur Bryan, reported a bank balance of \$2,641.36 and a Benevolence balance of \$254.22.

Mr. A. Van Muis was elected Assistant Treasurer after being nominated by Wilbur Bryan (Elder).

Elder George Wilmot assisted by Harry Kline and other men of the Church installed a new underground water pipe into the Church.

Election of Officers for 1963-64:

- Vice President - Mr. Nevius was elected (nominated by G. Wilmot)
- Treasurer - Elder Bryan was elected (nominated by R. Nevius)
- Clerk - John Brocklehurst was re-elected (nominated by W. Paris)
- Chairman, Finance Committee - W. Paris was elected (nominated by R. Nevius)
- Edg & Grounds Committee - Glen Covert was elected and will be assisted by G. Wilmot, R. Nevius and Dean Covert.
- Activities Committee - David Pearce will continue his good work for a second year, assisted by Mesdames Covert, Evans, Mills and Mr. Chris Jansen
- Masic Committee - Maestro George Wilmot will serve a second year, assisted by Mesdames Wilmot and Hoffman.
- Pulpit Supplies - Dr. Hoffman and Mr. Nevius will again officiate.

The Clerk was instructed to check on the availability of Mr. Larry Graham to continue instructing in the Sunday School (Larry will be studying at the Seminary in New Brunswick).

Rent of Parsonage, Mr. and Mrs. Stock will leave in June. Rent will remain at \$200 per month. The Parsonage will be painted before new occupants move in. Glen Covert will check on the date of leaving.

The Clerk read a letter of thanks sent to Mr. Peter Kuyper of Iowa for his gift of \$100. The Church Collection on Sunday, June 9 will be for the Choir Picnic. Children's Sunday will be June 16.

Church service will commence at 10:00 a.m. as of June 23 for the duration of the summer. It was agreed to paint the front porch. Glen and Dean Covert will attend to the furnace ducts in the basement.

David Pearce asked that the Consistory meet on a different night. The second Monday was agreed upon.

Elder George Wilmot closed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
John Brocklehurst
John Brocklehurst, Clerk
of the Consistory

The meeting was commenced at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$2,867.69 and a benevolence fund balance of \$268.87. The Church still owes \$1,700. of the painting fund loan. Deacon Walter Paris suggested that excess monies be invested rather than left in a checking account. Our minister, Dr. Hoffman, suggested that we consider the Reformed Church as an investment. The Church pays 4% on loans. W. Paris proposed investing \$1,000. in the New Brunswick Family Savings and Loan Bank at 4%. Seconded by Deacon Glen Covert - motion passed.

W. Paris was nominated as an additional assistant treasurer by Elder R. Nevius. Motion passed.

The Clerk was instructed to write and thank Mrs. T. Mettler for the three framed mementos which she recently presented to the Church. Dr. Hoffman suggested forming a Historical Committee for church matters.

In future, the Church must make formal application to the *New Brunswick Theological Seminary* if it requires the services of a student for Sunday School instruction. The Clerk was instructed to write to Dr. P. Vandenberg, Librarian and Secretary of the Faculty at the Seminary.

As of Sunday, June 23, summer services will commence at 10:00 a.m.

The Clerk, John Brocklehurst, invited the Consistory to hold its July meeting at his home.

Dr. Hoffman will have completed 15 years as our acting minister, October 13, 1963.

Elder Wilbur Bryan suggested that a qualified architect be engaged to draw an overall plan to improve Sunday School, Kitchen and Basement Facilities. The Church could then decide how to implement such a plan.

The present tenants of the Parsonage, Mr. and Mrs. Stock wish to stay for an additional week in July before moving to their new home in Bridgewater.

Mr. R. Nevius was appointed Chairman of the Rectory Committee.

Elder W. Bryan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
John Brocklehurst
John Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
Financial Statement, Year 1962

Church - \$3,480.65

Benevolent - \$ 99.77

Church Expenses

Balance, Jan. 1, 1962
Church Income
Treasury Balance Jan. 2, 1962 \$4,211.21
Envelope Collection 4,318.10
Plate Collection 137.38
Trust Fund Collection 5,599.30
Trust Fund Dividend 637.67
Other Investment Income 17.60
Carrier Corp. 17.50
U. S. Govt Bond 17.50
N. Y. Steam Corp. Bond 2,400.00
Rental of Parsonage 322.40
Closing of Voorhees Hall Sale 925.00
Gifts 3.41
Miscellaneous

Minister \$ 2,500.00
Choir Director 340.00
Organist 520.00
Janitor 180.00
Electricity 100.19
Heating 395.53
Choir Music 24.89
Insurance 153.89
Trust Fund Investment 5,599.30
Note on Parsonage with Int. 1,237.17
Classis Dues 152.25
Tax on Voorhees Hall 67.15
Church Decoration 3,352.88
Church Maintenance 151.29
Parsonage Maintenance 135.04
Contingencies 246.79

Total
Church Balance

Total

\$18,937.07

Benevolent Income

Treasury Balance Jan. 2, 1962 \$ 58.37
Church World Service Collection 32.86
"Little Church" Collection 56.25
Envelope Collection 500.15

Benevolent Donations

Church World Service \$ 32.86
Bd. of World Missions R.C.A. 60.00
Bd. of No. Am. Missions R.C.A. 60.00
Board of Education, R.C.A. 35.00
Board of Pensions, R.C.A. 35.00
Kirkside, Inc., R.C.A. 20.00
Particular Synod of N. J. 30.00
Ref. Church Home, P.S.N.J. 20.00
American Bible Society 15.00
New Brunswick Theol. Seminary 50.00
Protestant Council, Rutgers 15.00
N. J. Council of Churches 20.00
Hope College, Holland, Mich. 35.00
Central College, Pella, Iowa 100.00
Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa 20.00

Total \$ 547.86
Benevolent Balance 99.77
\$ 647.63

Wilbur L. Bryan, Treasurer

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING

July 8, 1963

The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman.
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Wilbur Bryan, Treasurer, reported a checking account bank balance of \$1331.38, Checking Account Benevolence Fund \$294.72. The new Savings Account has a balance of \$1,000. \$1,400 remains to be paid on the Painting Fund Loan.

Elder Bryan made a motion seconded by Deacon Paris that "Elder George Wilmot ask Mr. Norman Coates of Millstone for an overall architect's plan for future use of church building facilities and renovation of same". Motion passed.

Elder Wilmot reported that the Parsonage water pump has been repaired. The renting out of the Parsonage has been placed in the hands of Claudia Pascale Co. Renewal of the lease will be handled by the Church not by Claudia Pascale.

Deacon David Pearce suggested that the Parsonage rent be raised. Paint colors for the Parsonage will be decided by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Deacon Glen Covert, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee listed several needs:

1. Re-painting of South and West outside walls.
2. Asbestos sheeting above furnace.
3. Paper cup dispenser in toilets. Nameplates outside toilets.
4. Improve toilets - tile and linoleum for walls and floors.
5. Waste baskets
6. Cement walk on south-side of church.

A total sum of \$180. has been received in memory of Mr. "Pop" Hart of East Millstone. The money will be used to purchase new hymn books. The secretary was instructed to thank Misses Betty and Mary Hart for their contribution of \$115.

David Pearce was authorized to purchase three (3) Fire Extinguishers.

The Treasurer was authorized to send a check for \$100. to Central College, Pella, Iowa.

The Rev. Hoptaling will be asked to stand in whilst Dr. Hoffman is on vacation. No action will be taken at this time for an Auction of Sundry Effects stored in the Church basement.

David Pearce invited the Consistory to hold the August meeting at his home.

David Pearce closed the meeting with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brocklehurst.

Member absent: Elder W. Biefeldt

Respectfully submitted,

John Brocklehurst, Clerk of the Consistory

J. Brocklehurst

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
Minutes of Consistory Meeting

August 12, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Pearce. Dr. Hoffman began with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Elder W. Bryan., as of 9 August
Balance, Checking Account \$1655.70
Balance, Savings Account 1000.00
Benevolence Fund 232.72

Donations received as a memorial for the late Mr. William E. Hart - \$205.00
" " Mrs. M. Dunn - 97.50

Mr. C. Stock paid an extra \$200.00 rent for the Parsonage which he has now vacated as of August 1th. The \$1000. Steam Bond has matured and paid into the Savings Account for investment and should not be used except for emergency purposes. The following bills have been received:

Liability Insurance Policy \$125.13 Church & Parsonage
Fire & E - Coverage on Parsonage \$72.57
William Drake, Builder - for installing hymn board
and book racks - \$81.31

Treasurer's Report accepted.

Dr. Hoffman is inquiring about new hymn books. The Church Women's League is having a sink installed in the kitchen. David Pearce reported on fire extinguishers.

Motion by Wilbur Bryan "purchase one 10 lb. CO 2 extinguisher to be installed in the chapel vestibule. Seconded by Elder R. Nevius. Motion passed.

Glen Couvert reporting for the Buildings and Grounds Committee said that a paper cup dispenser and name plates have been purchased for the toilets. Two waste baskets have also been purchased. The Parsonage has not been rented yet. Sian Brothers of Raritan will be asked to re-decorate the Parsonage before new occupants move in. Repairs will be made to the electrical circuit.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Elder Bryan and was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The Consistory then enjoyed refreshments served by Mrs. Pearce.

Members absent: W. Paris, Fire service and W. Bielfeld

Respectfully submitted,

John Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

J. Brocklehurst

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING

September 16, 1963

The meeting was held at the home of Elder Nevius. Dr. Hoffman began with a prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Assistant Treasurer Deacon Paris reported a checking account balance of \$1868.06; \$1000.00 in the Savings Account and \$274.47 in the Benevolence account.

As only two elders and one deacon were present a quorum was not filled, therefore the meeting went into committee.

The new fire extinguishers have been purchased.

Authorization was given to pay Sian of Raritan paint bill of \$325.00 for the Parsonage.

It was agreed that Mr. Welsh would install tile and paint both toilet rooms.

Mr. Doyle will install the sink in the kitchen.

Elders Wilmot and Nevius were appointed by Dr. Hoffman to talk with Mr. E. K. Mills in reference to his continuing as Sunday School Superintendent.

No decision was reached about improving the chapel floor.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder Nevius.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Nevius
for John B. Brocklehurst
Clerk of the Consistory

J. Brocklehurst

The meeting was held in the home of Elder Wilmot. Dr. Hoffman was sent on vacation in Europe. Elder Nevius chaired the meeting and began with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Asst. Treas. Deacon Paris with Treas. Elder Bryan present reported checking account balance of \$1024.06, Savings Account Balance \$1000.00 and Benevolence Fund balance of \$319.42. Payment of \$217.50 was made towards the Decorating Loan, leaving a balance of \$1200.00. A bill of \$325.00 has been paid to Sian of Raritan for painting the parsonage. A bill of \$259.35 has been received for insurance of the church and parsonage. Also, a bill of \$26.36 from Elmer Brewer for servicing the furnace.

The resignation of the Sunday School Supt. Mr. E. K. Mills was accepted. Resignation was due to work commitments. The clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Mills for his three years of service. A motion was made by Deacon Pearce and seconded by Elder Biefeldt that John B. Brocklehurst be appointed Sunday School Supt. effective Oct. 13, 1963. Motion passed unanimously.

The toilet rooms will be tiled and painted after the Turkey Supper on Oct. 16th. Glen Covert has painted the rear porch and cellar windows. Elder Wilmot reported that the driveway will be re-surfaced soon.

The renting of the parsonage is now in the hands of both Condo-Pasch of Somerville and Thompson of Princeton. It was agreed to drop the rent from \$200. per mo. to \$175. if it would help to rent sooner.

Elder Wilmot said that the parsonage should be painted in the Spring of 1964. Elder Paris suggested controlling the church thermostat by inserting a lock screw to prevent unauthorized persons from changing the temperature. Craemer Co. will be asked to attend to and check the oil supply in the parsonage.

A church loose collection amounted to \$12.25, was presented to Deacon Pearce, Youth Activities Committee for use with youth programs.

The Church Loose Collection for the Endowment Fund taken Oct. 6, amounted to \$42.59. The Finance Committee recommended that the \$4,000. pending from the estate of the late Mr. Tom Mettler go into the Endowment Fund.

Deacon Pearce reported that the fire extinguishers have been installed. A 10 lb. in the chap and a 5 lb. in the parsonage.

It was learned that Dr. Hoffman will be absent for an additional two Sundays whilst on vacation in Europe. Elder Nevius was asked to find Pulpit Supplies for the Sundays of Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.

A prayer was read by Elder Nevius for Mr. A. Van Nuys who is very ill and confined to bed. Wilbur Bryan closed with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Mrs. George Wilmot.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. Brocklehurst
Clerk of the Consistory

Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting in his study at 8:15 p.m. with a prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Deacon Walter Paris, Asst. Treas., reported a checking account balance of \$1154.54. A Savings Account balance of \$1,000. and a benevolence balance of \$357.62.

Dr. Hoffman reported that he has been unable to purchase any second-hand hymn books. To date \$159.50 has been received in memorial to the late Miss Margaret Dunn and \$170. in remembrance of the late Mr. A. Van Nuys.

A resolution was approved to send to Mrs. A. Van Nuys in recognition and appreciation of the work done for the church by her late husband.

George Wilmot, Elder, reported that the parsonage will be rented soon.

Deacon Paris made a motion seconded by Secretary John Brocklehurst that each member of the Consistory should have a key to the church. Motion passed.

December 6th was set as the date for the annual covered dish supper.

Elder Wilmot said that he might be able to grade and stone the driveway between the church and the parsonage.

Treasurer Elder Wilbur Bryan presented the 1964 budget for approval. After discussion, the proposed budget was approved. Elder Bryan will be absent for some weeks whilst on business in India.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder Bryan.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Brocklehurst

John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory.

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
December 9, 1963

The meeting was held at the home of Elder Nevius and was opened with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman.

Those present besides Dr. Hoffman were Elders Wilmot, Nevius; Deacon Paris. Deacon Pearce arrived later. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Deacon Paris, Asst. Treas., reported a checking account balance of \$2660.49, savings account balance \$1000. and a Benevolence balance of \$408.32. As of Dec. 9, 1963, \$57.30 has been collected from the "Lily Churches".

It was decided to ask Deacon Brocklehurst to switch the baffle in the heat duct to the Sunday School room from the Chapel to the Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday to provide more heat for the church during morning service.

It was decided to begin church at 11:00 a.m. instead of 11:10 a.m. from the first Sunday of the new year.

Discussion was held on the rental of the parsonage which is still vacant.

It was voted to give \$10.00 to the National Council of Churches and \$7.50 to the Protestant Foundation.

Dr. Hoffman agreed to further investigate the purchase of additional hymnals.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Deacon Paris.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Nevius
J. R. Nevius for
John Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

February 20, 1964.

Home of Deacon Walt. Paris.
CHURCH SUPERVISION COMMITTEE
CLASSIS OF RARITAN

The following is an agenda of inquiries for use by the Classis in order to be as helpful as possible through the Church Supervision Committee to the Churches, to the Elders and Deacons, and to the Pastors:

1. The Constitutional Inquiries will be reviewed and, where a negative answer appears, further inquiry will be made.
2. Inquiry addressed to the minister -
Is there any way in which the Committee or Classis can be of assistance to the Elders and Deacons of this congregation in the fulfillment of their respective offices?
3. Inquiry addressed to the elders and deacons -
Is there any way in which the Committee or Classis can be of assistance to your Pastor in the fulfillment of his ministry?
4. What, in your estimation, are the three most urgent problems or needs of this congregation?
5. All calls issued since 1957 stipulate that the minister's salary be reviewed annually; is such the practice of this consistory?
6. Are accurate records kept of your membership as required by Article 8, Section 16, or the Constitution?
7. Are there questions regarding any recent action of the Classis or the relationship of the Classis to the local Church?

Procedure:

1. Committee meets with Minister.
2. Committee meets with Elders and Deacons.
3. Committee meets with whole Consistory together.

NOTE:

It is essential that all annual reports to the Classis be returned to the appropriate individuals within the time limit indicated in the communication from the Stated Clerk.

Rev. John Itzen - Readington

Robert Couttney - Middlebush - Elder

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE CONSISTORY
January 20, 1964

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The meeting was held in the home of Deacon Brocklehurst. Dr. Hoffman began with a prayer.

Those present were Elders Nevius and Wilmot and Deacons Covert, Pearce, Paris and Brocklehurst.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Asst. Treas. Walter Paris reported a savings account balance of \$1000., checking account \$2561.82 and a benevolence fund balance of \$59.77.

J.A. Van Nuys Memorial Fund	- \$667.50
Margaret Dunn Memorial Fund	- 159.50
Mr. Hart Memorial Fund	- 205.00
Gift on behalf of the late Mr. Paris	- 25.00

The Consistory agreed that the Mr. Hart Fund would be made available to the General Fund.

Several photographs of church historical interest have been framed and will be hung in the church.

Glen Covert - Buildings and Grounds Chairman has fixed the frozen water pipes in the parsonage.

Holy Communion will be celebrated the first Sunday in February.

It was agreed to continue with the "Little Churches".

The Consistory thought it a good idea to contribute to the Book which will be on display at the World's Fair containing names of all the Reformed Churches in America.

A motion was made by Elder Wilmot and seconded by Elder Nevius to reduce the rent of the parsonage to \$150. Motion passed.

Mr. Nevius suggested that a tile floor be laid in the large Sunday School room (chapel).

The Consistory assured the Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon Brocklehurst of its confidence in the Sunday School staff. The Consistory approved of the idea of the children having their own collection envelopes.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 10:25 pm. Mrs. Betty Brocklehurst served refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Brocklehurst
John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE CONSISTORY
February 20, 1964

The Consistory met at the home of Deacon Walter Paris.

Dr. Hoffman began with a prayer. The Classis of Raritan Church Supervision Committee was then introduced. Rev. John Itzen, Pastor of Readington and Robert Courtney, Elder of Middlebush Church. The purpose of the Committee's visit was explained by Rev. John Itzen. The printed agenda of the meeting will be made a permanent part of these minutes.

After the Classis Committee had taken their leave, the regular Consistory meeting resumed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report - Elder Wilbur Bryan thanked Deacon Paris for so ably filling the job of treasurer during the former's absence. Benevolence Fund \$103.82; Checking Account \$6,473.04; Savings Account \$1,000.00. A motion made by Elder Nevius, seconded by W. Bryan to deposit the \$5,000.00 received from the estate of the late Miss M. Dunn into the Endowment Fund was passed unanimously. 75 Hymnals have been purchased for \$25.00. Classis dues for 1964, \$312.17, have been paid. \$682.00 received from the late Adison Van Nuys has been paid into the Endowment Fund. Also \$5.00 from the late Miss Dunn.

The Endowment Fund started by the late Mr. Tom Mettler now totals \$31,766.87. This figure includes the \$5,005.00 mentioned in these minutes. Motion was made by Elder Nevius, seconded by W. Paris that Mrs. Irene Mettler and Deacon Glen Covert be asked to audit the treasurer's books. Motion passed.

549 lbs. of used clothing was collected for the World Council of Churches. A charge of 8¢ per lb. for shipping costs has to be paid. W. Bryan made a motion, seconded by Deacon Brocklehurst to pay the said cost of the Benevolence Fund, motion passed.

Parsonage rental - good news at last. The parsonage will almost certainly be rented out on March 1st according to Elder Wilmot. If not then, by June 1st.

Dr. Hoffman will have the Order of Service printed for the recently acquired used hymnals. Also a price for the tile to be used on the floor of the large Sunday School Room. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26th to commemorate Holy Week. New communion will be received into the Church on Easter Sunday.

The Consistory authorized Dr. Hoffman to ask the Women's League to consider offering their help to Mrs. Hilda Heimen who resides on Worton St. in East Millstone. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Brocklehurst,
Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE CONSISTORY
March 9, 1964

The Consistory met at the home of Elder Wilbur Bryan in Blackwell's Mills. Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report - Checking Account \$1158.82; Savings Account \$1000.; Benevolence Account \$126.07. The Treasurer's books have been audited. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was passed.

The parsonage has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Linden W. Greene on a three year lease commencing March 1st, 1964 for a rental fee of \$150.00 per month. Lawyers were Potts and Gaynor of New Brunswick. Realtors were Kuhlthau of New Brunswick.

Mr. Nevius said that he and George Wilmot will get something done immediately about the sidewalk and drive on the southside of the church.

Dr. Hoffman asked the Consistory whether it thought sufficient volunteers could be found in the church to staff the Reformed Church's pavillion at the New York World's Fair for one week. The hours would be from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to be shared by two people.

Pictures of church historical interest have been framed.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Mrs. Clara Covert about the summer daily vacation bible school.

The Constitutional Question was asked. This matter is recorded in the official church record book.

Deacon Pearce moved and Elder Bryan seconded that the Easter Church Service collection be designated for the Endowment Fund in memory of departed church members. Motion passed.

Nominations for church officers. Retiring Elders are G. Wilmot and R. Nevius. Retiring Deacons are D. Pearce and J. Brocklehurst. Nominees for Elder: Dean Covert, Alex Naruta, Floyd Evans and David Pearce; Nominees for Deacon: Edward K. Mills, Allen Garretson, Jack Covert and Frank Jonas.

A letter is to be sent to each nominee. Elections by ballot will take place on April 10th at the Annual General Meeting.

Sunday School classroom facilities were discussed at length. An effort will be made to secure plans and bids to improve this area.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Elder Bryan.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brocklehurst - Clerk
of the Consistory

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Year 1963

We began the year with \$321.19. Expenses during 1963 amounted to \$532.05. Receipts \$522.09 leaving a balance of \$311.23 as of January 1, 1964.

The major expense was \$210.00 for the services of Larry Graham, a Seminary Student from January 1 to June 10, 1963. Other expenses included \$109.00 for educational material; \$89.47 for the Christmas Party and gifts; \$23.43 for 20 new song books; \$20.00 for Mother's Day flowers; \$20.00 given to the J. Adison Van Nuy Memorial and \$16.91 for the Halloween Party.

The office of Superintendent changed hands in October from Mr. Edward Mills to John Brocklehurst. Mr. Mills had held the office for three years. He is continuing as a teacher.

Both Mr. Mills and I wish to bring to the attention of the membership of this church the consistent devotion and loyalty of the entire Sunday School staff so often taken for granted. Special recognition must be given to Mrs. Hellyer for fifteen years of service. The thanks of all of us go to the teachers: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Evans. Thank you to Mrs. Perry and Sheila Bielfelt, Mrs. Fiedler, Mrs. Erdek, Mrs. Ragsdale and lastly, to Mrs. Hoffman and Donald Schilke for providing the music.

As Superintendent, I will close this report with a plea to the Consistory to improve the classroom facilities before the year 1964 is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

April 10, 1964

John Brocklehurst

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL SUPPER
April 10, 1964

On the evening of April 10, 1964, 36 members of the church met in the church for the Annual Congregational Supper which was prepared by the ladies of the church. Following the meal, Dr. Hoffman opened the annual meeting with a prayer. Elder Pearce read the minutes of the 1963 congregational meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Elder Nevius, as vice president of the Consistory, made his annual report, thanking Dr. Hoffman for his services and urging the members of the Consistory to attend meetings regularly. In addition, Elder Nevius requested that church members continue to take attendance seriously.

Dr. Hoffman, in remarks to the gathering, stated that it was his objective to increase church membership by ten percent in the coming year. He indicated that in the past year 5 new young members had joined the church and two mature members were about to join.

Mrs. Betty Paris presented the Sunday School report for the year 1963. Dr. Hoffman expressed his appreciation for the continued services of the ~~30~~ teachers.

Mrs. Clare Covert reported on the Daily Vacation Bible School in 1963. Fifty pupils attended. Mrs. Covert was assisted by 5 teachers and 2 helpers. Fees collected amounted to \$80.63, while expenses totaled \$73.45, for a net balance of \$7.18. Mrs. Covert announced that Mrs. Anita Wilmont would be in charge of the 1964 Daily Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Milton Hoffman presented the report of the Women's League and Choir, a copy of which is attached.

Elder Wilmot, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, reviewed the committee's activities in 1963. The search for tenants for the parsonage was successfully concluded when Mr. and Mrs. Green signed up for 3 years at \$150.00 per month; the church organ was repaired, and the church driveway was restoned; and Mr. William Drake, builder, was consulted as to the future renovation of the cellar of the church. Dr. Hoffman commented on the need for long-range renovation and financial plans for the cellar.

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Supper, April 10, 1964 (cont'd.)

Elder Bryan presented the financial report for 1963, a copy of which is attached. Elder Bryan expressed particular thanks to the Women's League for their gift to the church of \$1,000.00, and to Mrs. Irene Metler for her gift of a new choir screen. In addition, Elder Bryan thanked Deacon Paris for assuming the treasurer's duties while he (Elder Bryan) was absent in India. Mr. Alex Naruta complimented Elder Bryan on his handling of the financial affairs of the church, pointing out that the church debt at the time of the meeting amounted only \$700.00 in spite of the fact that a relatively brief time before the church had incurred renovation expenses of \$12,640.00. Elder Bryan invited members of the congregation to review the books of the church and the trust fund ledger. Dr. Hoffman commented that it was his understanding that the credit rating of the church was extremely high.

It was announced that Elders Wilmot and Nevius were retiring from the Consistory and that the names of Floyd Evans and Thomas Huie had been put in nomination as their replacements. In addition, it was announced that Deacons Paris and Brocklehurst were retiring and that Edward Mills and ~~Allen~~ Covert had been placed in nomination. Nominations were then opened to the floor. When none were forthcoming it was duly moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The motion was unanimously approved. Nominees Evans, Huie, Mills and Covert were unanimously elected as elders and deacons respectively.

Dr. Hoffman extended thanks to the Activities Committee for its work during the year. It was pointed out that the church had purchased 125 tickets to the Worlds Fair and that these were available to the membership.

A brief discussion was held concerning the time of church services during the summer. The congregation voted to start services at 10 A.M. on the Sunday immediately after Children's Day and to maintain that schedule until September.

Dr. Hoffman gave the benediction to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward K. Mills

Edward K. Mills, II
Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
April 13, 1964

The meeting commenced at 8 P.M. in the home of John Brocklehurst with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman.

The treasurer reported a

Checking account balance of	\$1,135.49
Savings account balance of	1,000.00
Benevolence account bal. of	194.55

Total Endowment Fund amounts to \$31,984.67. On March 30th \$250.00 was paid on the \$2,000.00 loan. This leaves only \$750.00 outstanding at the Peoples National Bank.

A three-year lease on the parsonage has been signed by Mr. and Mrs. Greene.

Elder George Wilmot once again provided his generous services to the church by grading and stoning the driveway between the church and parsonage.

Elder Wilbur Bryan presented tentative plans for improvements to the Sunday School facilities. Mr. Drake, builder, states that it will be necessary to excavate one foot of the cellar.

Motion by Deacon Brocklehurst, seconded by Wilbur Bryan that representatives of the Sunday School and Women's League meet with the Building and Grounds Committee to discuss improvements and structural changes to the Sunday School and catering facilities. Motion passed.

A used organ blower has been donated to the church by our friends across the river in the Hillsboro Reformed Church. The clerk was instructed to thank Hillsboro.

The "effects" in the church basement will be sorted out and anything worthwhile sold.

Mrs. Wilmot will organize and manage the Daily Vacation Bible School in the summer.

Minutes of Consistory Meeting, April 13, 1964 (cont'd.)

The Mr. and Mrs. A. Millazo "problem" was discussed at length.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by John Brocklehurst.

Mrs. Betty Brocklehurst provided refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brocklehurst
Clerk

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
May 26, 1964

Meeting commenced at 8:30 p.m. in the Sunday School Room of the church with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman.

The Treasurer's Report read by Elder W. Bryan - balance checking account \$1,401.20; savings account \$1,000.00; benevolent treasury account \$253.74. Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Church-owned Treasury Bond matured and cashed, deposited total sum in savings account, \$2,000.00.

Officers -

Dr. Milton J. Hoffman, President

Vice President - Elder Floyd Evans

Motion by D. Covert

Seconded by T. Huie

Clerk - Deacon E. Mills nominated but absent from meeting; Elder T. Huie appointed as Temporary Clerk.

Treasurer - W. Bryan

Building & Grounds - Chairman D. Covert

Members - Glenn Covert, Richard Nevius and George Wilmot

Finance Committee - Deacon Walter Paris, Chairman

Members - Mrs. O. Van Nuys, W. Bryan, Mrs. I. Metler

Activity Committee - Deacon D. Pierce, Chairman

Members - Mrs. Alan Garrettson, Mrs. Glen Covert
Mrs. Floyd Evans and Mr. J. Biefeldt

Music Committee - Elder George Wilmot, Chairman

Members - Mrs. George Wilmot and Mrs. M. J. Hoffman

Consistory requests that Elder R. Nevius remain as representative of East Millstone Reformed Church at the meeting of the Classis of Raritan.

Pulpit Supply - Dr. M. Hoffman and Elder R. Nevius.

The question of floor tile in the Sunday School Room was discussed and motion made to leave question to the Building and Grounds Committee.

Minutes of Consistory Meeting, May 26, 1964 (cont'd.)

The July Consistory meeting will be omitted by common consent; any emergency will be met by special meeting.

The Consistory held discussion on church improvement of kitchen, basement, and Sunday School Room, the various church groups will be consulted for plans and ideas.

Motion was made by Deacon Paris and seconded by Elder Bryan to donate any old books in church basement to the Alma White College at Zaraphath.

Dr. Hoffman requested that a \$50.00 donation be made to the Board of North American Missions, Annville Institute, to be taken from Benevolent Fund.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder W. Bryan.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Huie, Clerk Pro Tem

INFORMAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
CONSISTORY, BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
July 24, 1964

SUBJECT: Tiling of Chapel Floor

A resolution was approved by those listed below that the Chapel floor will be resurfaced using 3/8" plywood, felt, and light grey vinyl or rubber tile. Also, casters and cups will be installed on the wooden partitions used in the Chapel. All work will be voluntary by church members. Estimated cost \$400-450.

Dr. M. J. Hoffman
J. Brocklehurst
J. R. Nevius
Elder W. Biefeldt
Elder W. Bryan
Deacon A. D. Covert
Deacon G. Covert (In absentia)
Deacon E. Mills (In absentia)

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Bryan
W. Bryan
Acting clerk

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
September 23, 1964

Meeting started at 8:15 p.m. with a prayer by Dr. Hoffman in Dr. Hoffman's study.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read by Elder Bryan:

Checking Account	\$1,502.87
Savings Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$2,502.87
Benevolent Account	326.70

New air system for church organ and operating very satisfactorily.

Motion was made and seconded to let Franklin Township Historical Society meet in Sunday School Room.

Discussed painting of parsonage and what should be done with varnished wainscoating in Sunday School Room. Dr. Hoffman to contact contractors for prices.

The Consistory has requested Dr. Hoffman to contact the Women's League in reference to home visitations of non members of church.

After discussion, the consensus of the Consistory is to put more emphasis of church benevolences before the congregation.

Motion made and seconded to have Building Committee contact contractor to make repairs to bell rope and bell mechanism.

Members attending: Dr. Hoffman, Wilbur Bryan, W. Biefeldt, T. Huie, and D. Covert.

Meeting closed with prayer by Elder Bryan.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Huie
Clerk in absence of
Edward Mills

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
October 4, 1964

The Consistory met in the Sunday School room immediately prior to Communion Service. Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Dr. Hoffman asked the constitutional question. All replies from the Consistory were in the negative.

Elders Bryan and Evans were asked to distribute the elements.

Elder Bryan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward K. Mills II

Edward K. Mills, II
Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH

MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
November 27, 1964

The Consistory met at the home of Dr. Hoffman. Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Elder Bryan gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account at the time of the meeting was \$1,444.57 and in the savings account \$1,111.89; total balance \$2,556.46. Elder Bryan reported that the major income since the last meeting included a contribution of \$450.00 from the Women's League for material for covering the Sunday School floor. (Elder Bryan reported that a letter of thanks had been sent to the Women's League.) The quarterly dividend from the Trust Fund was \$297.75. A bequest from Addison Van Nuys' Estate of \$1,500 was received, plus 20 shares of Traveler's Insurance common stock valued at \$900.00. Elder Bryan reported that the parsonage is in need of painting and that this expense is included in the 1965 church budget. Of the \$1,500 left to the church by Addison Van Nuys, \$1,000 was allocated to the Trust Fund and \$500 invested in a savings bank as per the recommendation of the endowment committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the action of the endowment committee as regards this bequest. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Hoffman indicated that he needed assistance in increasing attendance at church. He pointed out that he had asked the assistance of the Women's League and suggested to the Consistory that lay members of the church might well approach local residents to encourage them to attend our church.

Elder Bryan presented the church budget for the year 1965. This budget, which had previously been approved by the finance committee, would be presented to the congregation at the church supper on December 11, 1964. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Consistory accept the budget as submitted by Elder Bryan.

It was pointed out that the church is now a full member of the Classis and that Dr. Hoffman is now considered a Stated Supply in terms of the financial requirements of the church.

Dr. Hoffman proposed that he seek bids on the painting of the Sunday School Room. Elders Bryan and Covert, as treasurer and chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee respectively, were asked to attend discussions with builders Cian and Sasse. Elder Covert mentioned that the ceiling of the church requires insulation. Discussion occurred concerning the need for a new

coat of gold spray on the organ pipes in the church. In addition to the work required to install the new hot water tank for the church kitchen was discussed.

Dr. Hoffman requested that the Consistory approve giving the loose plate collection on Sunday, November 29th, to the Reformed Church World Service Organization and our own benevolent fund. A motion was made and seconded that this allocation of the collection be made. Motion unanimously approved.

Deacon Paris closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward K. Mills II

Edward K. Mills, II
Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE YEAR-END CONGREGATIONAL DINNER
December 11, 1964

A year-end congregational dinner was held in the church with about 30 members attending. Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. Elder Bryan reported that the balance in the church treasury as of December 11, 1964 amounted to \$2,871.47 and that the benevolent treasury balance amounted to \$158.80. Elder Bryan presented the 1965 church budget (copy of which is attached). After discussion a motion was made and seconded that the budget be approved as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

Elder Bryan reported that a check for \$300 had been received from Mr. William Pierce to help the church defray the cost of the new Sunday School floor. Dr. Hoffman asked Clerk Mills to write Mr. Pierce a letter of thanks.

Dr. Hoffman pointed out that the church will celebrate its 110th Anniversary in October of 1965. He proposed that a history of the church be developed and indicated his intention to seek out available historical documents concerning the church. Discussion occurred as to the advisability of printing such a book in soft or hard cover; Mrs. Belna Paris urged that offset printing be investigated. The congregation expressed enthusiasm for the idea of a history of the church. A motion was made and seconded that Dr. Hoffman investigate this subject further. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Hoffman closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward K. Mills II

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Clerk of the Consistory

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
January 8, 1965

Dr. Hoffman presiding. Members of the consistory present were Elder W. Bryan and T. Huie, and Deacon W. Paris. Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Edward Dawson of the Hillsboro Reformed Church consistory extended an invitation to all congregation members to join the couples club.

There were no minutes for the preceding meeting. The Treasurer report showed a balance of \$2,088.15 plus \$1,111.89 in Savings for a total of \$3,200.00. The Benevolent treasury showed a balance of \$38.80. Treasurer Elder Bryan announced that the \$2000 bank loan has been paid in full.

Repairs to the church bell have been completed.

A committee to ring the bell on Sundays was appointed as follows: January - T. Huie; February - G. Covert; March - E. Mills.

Hot water heater donated by Mrs. Sanders was discussed.

The original and only membership and baptismal record books are to be rebound. Motion made by Elder Bryan, seconded by Deacon Paris. Unanimous vote in affirmative by other members present.

Discussed painting of Sunday School room with contractor F. Sasse of E. Millstone.

Discussed reframing of ministers' pictures in Sunday School room.

Motion made and carried, to have full consistory meeting to finalize decision on repainting of Sunday School room to be held before the end of January.

Meeting ended with prayer by Elder Bryan.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Huie
Clerk pro tem

EAST MILLSTONE REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONSISTORY MEETING
January 22, 1965

The meeting of the consistory was held in the Sunday School Room of the church. In attendance were Dr. Hoffman, Elders Bryan, Evans, Huie and Deacons Paris, Covert and Mills and Deacon Dean Covert, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. Dr. Hoffman opened the meeting with a prayer. Discussion at the meeting was devoted entirely to plans for painting the Sunday School Room.

Dr. Hoffman reviewed a color scheme proposed by Mrs. Sonny LeValliant. This scheme incorporated replacement of the drapes with fully closeable maroon curtains and the continuation of the church color scheme insofar as the walls and trim of the Sunday School were concerned. Mrs. LeValliant's proposal would call for staining the wainscoting of the Sunday School Room walnut.

Elder Bryan offered an alternate proposal, calling for painting the wainscoting Williamsburg gray and the walls off-white.

A lengthy discussion of redecoration schemes took place. The possibility of replacing the present wainscoting with plywood paneling was discussed. The Consistory concluded that it would be preferable to stain or paint the wainscoting rather than repanel it. Elder Bryan moved that the plaster walls be painted off-white and the wainscoting and trim be painted medium gray. Elder Huie seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Fred Sasse, painter, joined the Consistory and was asked for an estimate on the repainting. In addition, he was asked to include in his estimate the refurbishing of the organ pipes and removal of the Sunday School blackboard. Elder Bryan pointed out that the Consistory required that all the work be completed not later than March, 1965. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that Elder Bryan follow up all further arrangements for completion of the painting plans.

Elder Bryan called to the attention of the Consistory the fact that the heating oil bill for December had been \$60-\$70 in excess of normal and that electricity charges in the same month were unusually high. Elder Huie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
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