

Proposed Constitution Change

The Consistory unanimously voted to approve and seek congregational approval to change the annual meeting and fiscal year of Becks Reformed Church to begin March 1st of each year and end the last day February. This means that the budget year will start in March and end in February and that new Deacons and Elders and the budget will be voted on at an annual Congregational Meeting in February each year. The new Consistory would start at the beginning of every March. This would not affect Sunday school promotions or other calendar events. The inspiration to make this change is to enhance the Christmas season and provide better financial planning.

First, the month of December is so busy in the church. There are several special services and events which often bring guests to our church during the Christmas season. The timing of those services and events often coincide with business meetings of the church which at best seem to be awkward at times when there are large numbers of visitors. Secondly, the largest giving month in the church is December. The Deacons will have a better idea of how to plan the church budget with month of December passed. If this motion passes, the current Consistory will serve until the end of February and the 2012 – 2013 Budget of Becks Reformed Church will begin March 1st. The proposed changes in the church constitution are in bold, italics & underlined. What will be removed is stroke-through with a single line.

MOTION from the Consistory- To change the fiscal year of Becks Reformed Church to begin in March 1st of each year and end the last day of February and change the annual meeting to the month of February as outlined in the proposed changes in the Constitution of Becks Reformed Church.

ARTICLE 7. CONSISTORY

2. The Consistory shall organize itself at the first meeting of each ~~calendar~~ ***fiscal*** year electing a president, vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The Consistory shall form such committees as will serve the purpose of the church; shall have jurisdiction over, control, maintain and preserve its properties, and minister and control its business affairs, formulate congregational policies, manage and administer the program of the church and be responsible to the congregation for promoting and maintaining the devotional, educational, and financial development of the church, through worship, Christian education, evangelism, community service and foreign missions, stewardship benevolence and Christian concern.
5. Nominations shall be given from the pulpit or by bulletin or letter at least two weeks before the congregational meeting held for election of Elders and Deacons. The congregational meeting for election of Elders and Deacons shall be held ~~on the first Sunday in December of each year~~ ***in the month of February each year.***

ARTICLE 11. CHURCH MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the church shall be held in the month of ~~December~~ ***February.*** At this meeting, the Consistory, the officers of the committees of the church, the Pastor(s), may submit recommendations.
2. All organizations, if requested, shall give annual reports to the congregation ~~the last Sunday in January~~ ***in the month of February.***

___ Yes- make the proposed changes to the Constitution ___ No- do not change the current Constitution