At and Adjourned Meeting of the Members of the Second Independent Church held June 30th 1825 at the House of Worship. Members present. Jonathan Johnson. H[illegible] Kridel, John M. Brown. Michael Brown, John Sands. Ichabod Fortner Samuel Gilbert. Peter Harper, Eppes Haskill, Yerkes Sauerman Thomas Davis. John Melcher & Wm Skinner

Moderator in the Chair.

The Committee appointed at the Last Stated Meeting Meeting of the Board of Trustees to Settle the Treasurers Accounts Report the following to wit, The Treasurer has Received Since Last Settlement June 17th 1824 The Sum of $855 14/100 During the same Period there has orders been paid to the amount $819 57/100 Leaving a Ballance in the Treasurers hands at this date of $35 63/100

Dated June 19th 1825 Signed { W Skinner / Ichabod Fortner

On Motion made and Carried went into an Election for Officers John M. Brown & Ichabod Fortner were appointed tellers. The votes being all taken and Counted the Following Members were Elected to

Jonathan Johnson Moderator
William Skinner Secretary
John Sands. Treasurer.
Tracy Taylor } Deacons
Ichabod Fortner }
John M. Brown }
John Eckstein } Trustees for 3 Years
Jacob Coleman }
Yerkes Sauerman Trustees for 2 Years. place of S. Conn[illegible]
Jesse R. Burden — do " 1 Year do of R. A. B[illegible]
John Melcher — do " 1 do do of A. Sa[illegible]

Moderator Stated that the Rev. Brother Skinner from Saratoga would preach next Sabbath Morning and Afternoon in this Church.

On Motion made it was Resolved that the collections taken on Sabbath morning & Afternoon be in aid of the Society of Brethren in Saratoga.

On Motion Adjourned.

William Skinner Secretary

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees held July 13th 1825 at John M. Browns.
Minutes of Last Stated Meeting Read & Accepted
On Motion made the following appointments were made
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Schabod Fortner. & Christian Hight Collectors in church
On Motion made the Board Divide into 7 committees to Obtain Subscriptions for the Support of the pastor.
The Letter from Brother Stephen R. Smith respecting the Leave of Absence was Read, & on Motion made Jonathan Johnsen and Jesse R. Burden was appointed a committee to confer with Brother Smith on the Subject of Said Letter.
Wm Taylors Bill for Oil $4.96 was Ordered to be paid.
On Motion made adjourned to meet at Michl Browns
attest Willm Skinner Secretary.

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees held Sept 15th 1825 at Michl Browns Members present Michl Brown. John M. Brown Jesse R. Burden. John Eckstein Schabod Fortner. Yerkes Sawrman John Sands & W Skinner.
Michael Brown Moderator pro tem.
Minutes of Last Stated Meeting Read & accepted.
Committee appointed to confer with Brother Smith. Report they had an interview with him and the arraingement was that there was to be no additionable Expence to the church during his Absence
The following Bills was passed by the committee of Accompts & was Ordered to be paid Viz Bill for Oil week - - - - - $1-40
do for Wood - - - - - - - - - 1-60
do for Sextons Salary - - - - - 12-50
On Motion made an Order be Drawn for Fifty Dollars in favor of Brother N. Dodge towards his pastoral Services
On Motion made the In Door committee was Instructed to Burn Coal in the Church Stoves
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On Motion made the terms in Said Letter was Unanimously approved of and the Secretary was Directed to notify Brother Kneeland of Said Acceptance.

On Motion adjourned to meet at Brother Ecksteins

Attest William Skinner Secretary

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees held November 1825 Members present J. Eckstein J. Johnson, J. M. Brown, J. Fortner & Yerkes. Sauerman Moderator in the chair. Secretary absent John Eckstein Secretary pro tem.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Choir Reported they had attended to that duty assigned them but had met with no Success

On Motion made the Said committee was Discharged

On Motion made it was Resolved that a Committee of 3 be appointed to wait on the Singing choir to engage a Leader

Committee are Jonathan Johnson, J. Fortner & Y. Sauerman

A Letter was Received from Mr A. Emerich. Leader of the Singing in which he tendered his Resignation

On Motion made it was Resolved that the committee on the Singing Choir, wait on Mr A. Emerich and tender the thanks of the Church for his attention in raising up a choir.

On Motion Adjourned to meet at Brother Johnsons.

Signed John Eckstein Secretary P Tem

Philada January 30th 1826

At a Joint Meeting Regularly called of the Members and Pew Holders of the Second Independent Church of Christ held at the public House of Worship. Members present Jacob Culp. Ichabod Fortner M. Brown, Thomas Davis. Saml Gilbert. H Brider, B.B. Stimble J. Coleman, J. Johnson. Y. Saurman. H. A. Beck. W. Skinner & J.M. Brown, and Nine Pew Holders

The Moderator in the Chair and the Object of the Meeting being Stated It was on Motion Resolved that a Committee be appointed to wait on the committee that may be appointed by the Sister church to inform them that under Existing circumstances they cannot have Brother Smiths Services Longer than 3 Sabbaths more. and the conditions is Such. To pay for the Services already Received from him. Since the departure of Brother Pitt Morse—

Committee for that purpose are Michael Brown. Yerkes Saurman & Jacob Coleman.

Attest Willm Skinner Secretary

Philada February 8th 1826

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Second Independent Church of Christ held at Brother Fortners Members present John Eckstein. John M. Brown. Yerkes Saurman. John Sands. Ichabod Fortner. Jacob Coleman & William Skinner

Minutes of Last Stated Meeting read and Accepted.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Sister Church respecting the pastorial Services of Brother S.K. Smith Reported they Attended to that Duty and were Discharged

On Motion made the following Bills was Ordered to be paid

Vz	Sextons Salary for 1 Quarter &c	$13=37½
	Brother Smith on Acct	37-"
	Glazing	1-"

On Motion made Jonathan Johnson & Ichabod Fortner was appointed a committee to wait on Mr Plumber to officiate in the Desk of the Church

On Motion Adjourned to Meet at John M. Browns

Attest Willm Skinner Secretary

Philad^a December 14th 1825

At a Stated Meeting of the board of Trustees of the Second Independent Church of Christ held at Brother Johnsens Members present. Brothers Johnsen. Wm Taylor. John Eckstein Yerkes Saurman. John M. Brown. Jacob Coleman. Ichabod Fortner John Sands & Wm Skinner

Moderator in the Chair Minutes of Last Stated Meeting Read & Accepted

The Committee Reported that they engaged Mr Curtis as Leader of the Singing at One hundred Dollars per Annumn. commencing on the first Sabbath of the present Month.

The following Bills was presented & Ordered to be paid

Viz Bill of Wood		$2-36
" " Sand		" -60
" for Brother Dodges board		24 " 00
" " 32 gallons Lamp Oil		24 " 12½
" " Sextons Salary & Lamp Wk		12 " 78
" " Leigh Coal		7 " 33

Brother Fortner presented a Receipt from Brother Dodge of Fifty Dollars on account of his Salary Dated Sept 15th 1825

On Motion made Adjourned to meet at William Taylors

Attest Willm Skinner Secretary

Philad^a January 11th 1826

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the 2nd Independent Church of Christ held at Wm Taylors Members present J. Johnsen J. Fortner. M. Brown. J. M. Brown. J. Eckstein. J. Coleman. Wm Taylor & Wm Skinner & Yerkes Saurman. Moderator in the Chair Minuts of Last Stated Meeting Read & accepted

Bill for printing 1000 Blank Receipts $3 Ordered to be paid

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On Motion made it was Resolved that a Committee of 3 be Appointed to wait on the Sister church to Inform them that this Church Expects them to pay one half of Brother Smiths Salary untill there is another Exchange of pastors take place

Committee are J. Johnsen. M. Brown. & J. Fortner

On Motion Adjourned to Meet at Brother Fortners

Attest Willm Skinner Secretary

Philad^a April 12th 1826

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Second Independent Church of christ held at Brother M. Browns Members present M. Brown, J. Johnson, J. Sawrman, J. Sand John Eckstein, J. M. Brown & W. Skinner

Moderator in the chair. Minutes of Last Stated meeting read & Accepted The committee Appointed to collect the money from the Sister church Reported that Mr Philip Dick pledge to pay it by the 14th of this month Jerkes Sawrmans Bill of $4-50 for music Books was ordered to be paid On Motion adjourned to meet at W Skinners

Attest Willm Skinner Secretary

Philad^a April 17th 1826

At a Joint meeting of the members. Pew Holders & Subscribers of the Second Independent church of christ held at their house of Worship There being Twenty three Members present

The following communication was presented & read to the meeting

Philad^a April 13th 1826

To the Second Independent church of Christ called Universalists worshipping in Callowhill Street

Gentlemen. We the Undersigned having been appointed a committee on the part of the 1th independent church of christ. Called Universalists for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution of said church. Adopted at a meeting of the members & pew holders on the Evening of the 11th Inst. And which Resolution we herewith Subjoin Enter upon their duty with cheerfullness. presuming as they do that they will be met by the Sister church. in the Spirit of brotherly love and conciliation. and flatter themselves that such explanations will be given, and Such reasons, assigned as will go to do away the impressions. the church at present labour under, in consequence of your resolution doing away the Alternate exchange of Pastors. an arraingement which was commenced with the best motives, and which the committee conceive. was of incaluable advantage to the Societies respectively. and one fraught with much good to the general harmony and Social intercourse of both churches

The resolution passed by your church having been presented unaccompanied by any reasons. for what to the committee. appears to have been a hasty and unadvised Step, we are apprehensive that it will be considered as hostile, and intended as an insult to the Revd P. Morse, and a measure that cannott fail to wound his feelings, and imbitter the recollections of his having accepted the call and comming amongst us, We therefore respectfully request that you will give us such explanations of the causes that led to the passing of the resolution refered to as may Satisfy We beg to have your reply in writing, and at as early date as

over

Philad^a March 8th 1826

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the House of John M. Browns

Members present Jonathan Johnsen. Mich^l Brown. John M. Brown John Sands. Ichabod Fortner. John Eckstein. & Jacob Coleman.

Secretary absent. John Eckstein Secretary pro tem —

Minutes of Last Stated Meeting read and accepted.

The Committee to wait on Mr Plumber Reported that they attended to the Duty assigned them and were Discharged.

The Committee appointed to procure a Leader for the Singing. Reported that they had engaged Mr Stephen Simmons as Leader of the Choir at One Hundred Dollars per Annum Commencing from the 26th Day of ~~April~~ February, 1826.

On motion made it was Resolved that a committee be appointed to collect the money due from the Sister church for Services of Brother Stephen R. Smith rendered them of Eleven Sabbaths making One Hundred Twenty Six Dollars Fifty cts.

Committee appointed are Jonathan Johnsen & Jacob Coleman

The following Bills was presented and ordered to be paid

Viz Fortner & Browns for wood for the church $3 = 35

Fortner & Browns for do for Stephen R. Smith 15 = 56

on Motion Adjourned to meet at Mich^l Browns

Signed John Eckstein Secretary. P. T.

At a Joint meeting of the members and Pew Holders of the Second Independent church of Christ held at their House of Public Worship April 3^d 1826.

Thirty Three members & Pew Holders being present.

Moderator Stated the object of the meeting was in consquence of the Dissatisfaction of the present exchange of pastors, now taken place, & going on On motion made & Seconded. Resolved a committee of Three be appointed to wait on the Sister church to request of them the Services of Brother Morse once a month for those of Brother. Smiths —

Committee are Mich^l Brown. John. M. Brown. & W Skinner

On Motion adjourned

attest Willm Skinner Secretary

practicable. that we may lay it before the church, for their consideration
Signed John W Kelly. Elijah Dallett & Pam^e Kennedy
with the following Extract.

At a Meeting of Members & Pew holders of the First Independent Church of christ called Universalists on the Evening of the 11th April 1826

It was on motion and Seconded Unanimously Resolved — that a committee of three be appointed, to request of the Sister Church or Second Independent church of christ called Universalists — worshiping in callowhill Street. their reasons in writing for Suspending the present Alternate exchange of Pastors —

Signed Philip Dick Secretary pro Tem —

The Subject being fully Discussed. It was on motion and Seconded Resolved a committee of Three be appointed to confer with the committee from the Sister church, to explain the reasons asked for in their Communication, Also if the Sister church wishes to have an Alternate exchange of pastors. the committee to have power to make said arrangement on conditions of making a Joint Sum of the Salary of the pastors of the two churches

Committee appointed are Henry A. Beck. John M. Brown. John Eckstein

On motion Adjourned. Attest Willm Skinner Secretary.

The following is a copie of the reply to the communication from the first church. by the committee from the 2nd Church —

Philad^a April 20th 1826

Gentlemen

The Undersigned having been appointed a committee On the part of the Second Universalist church. Situated in callowhill St for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution adopted by a meeting of the Members & pew holders on the evening of the 17th Inst and which is herewith enclosed; Enter upon this duty with the best feelings towards the Sister or First church. which we have always entertained and which we trust will continue Instead of given us an answer to the resolution which the Second church passed, you request us to explain the reason why, we have done away the Alternate Exchange of pastors. We answer that is was done away by Brothers Morse & Kneeland having left Philad^a and the churches having, now, each their own pastor, who was called by them on their own responsibility — The 2nd church did not know that it was the wish of the first church to have an exchange of pastors but expected that such a request would be made, together with an offer to equalize their salaries — you say the resolution passed by the 2d church was presented without any explanation accompanying it — we cannot answer for former committees; but in our humble opinion it carried upon the face of it, every necessary explanation — If we understand it, it was a request asking of the 1st church an exchange of pastors

Every fourth Sabbath. And it is further the opinion of the committee, that if the candid opinion of the pastors was obtained, it would be opposed to the regular exchange. For it is evident that neither of them have it in their power under such regulation, to follow up a subject with satisfaction to themselves, or advantage to their hearers. — You say you apprehend that the Resolution will be hostile and intended as an insult to Brother Morse — We deny having any such intensions, directly or indirectly, on the contrary it was the Unanimous opinion of the meeting that the request made would be agreeable both to Brother Morse & Smith

In asking you to equalize the Salaries, we conceive that we asked no more than our Situation required. Our pecuniary embarrassments cannot be a Secret to the First church

It is well known that the managers have an interest of to pay of $1100 — to do which they have the pew rents, and the income from the Burial ground — The Trustees must pay to their pastor, the leader of the choir — the Sexton and other expences $1440. To effect which they have the collections, and out door Subscriptions which fall far short of meeting the demands. This Explanation, we trust, will prove sufficient, if not, this committee is perfectly willing to meet yours, and answer all questions on any Evening you may Appoint

Signed
Henry A Beck
John M. Brown
John Eckstein

Philad^a^ May 10th 1826

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Second Independent church held at ~~[illegible]~~ Members present Mich^l^ Brown, John M. Brown John Sands, Ichabod Fortner & W Skinner

Mich^l^ Brown Moderator pro Tem

Minutes of Last Stated Meeting read & Accepted —

Committee to receive the money from the Sister church was not present to make Report. was continued

Treasurer Reported he paid 1 Quarter Salary of $12.50 to the Sexton for Which Sum an Order was drawn —

A communication was Received from the Sister church Dated May 1st 1826 Directed to the Moderator of this church, It not being addressd to the committee that was appointed at the church meeting. Which committee was invested with power to confer on that subject. The Trustees could take no order on it

On Motion Adjourned Attest Willm Skinner Secretary

NB W Skinner, J M. Brown & Ichabod Fortner was appointed a committee to Settle the Treasurers Accounts —