

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of May 22, 2013, 8:30 AM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Trinity Christian Reformed Church**

**REVISION, ADD BULLET POINT TO 5:11: APPROVED 7/17/13**

**5-1:** Kathy read from Galatians 6:9-10, and noted how we sometimes become weary in our work. Sometimes there are “rocks” in the way, but we don’t need to give up, especially in our work for the church. She opened with prayer.

**5-2: Roll Call**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Den Haan, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Josh Van Drunen

**STAFF:** Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Webkeeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer); Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator); and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Interim Stated Clerk)

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Rev. Marc Nelesen, Ms. Tricia Bosma (10:24 Coordinator)

**5-3: The Transition Team redacted minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2013, have been accepted as written, and posted on classis’ web site.**

**5-4: Reflections on meeting of May 16, 2013:**

- noted some tiredness on the part of some of the delegates
- need more personal sharing during the prayer time as a way to continue to build community among us
- maybe for churches in transition report, highlight “3 things we need to know”
- highlight information delegates should pass on to their councils
- noted positive “vibes”
- maybe place communion during meeting instead of the end, stressing as in baptism, we belong Him
- experienced “Risky Compassion” in the location at Harbor House Ministries
- thanks to Gerry Koning for the well done planning

**5-5: Morphing into a Vision Team, next step, Duane reporting:**

- A. Duane will begin conversation with Marc and Bob Huisman about the possibility of sharing the role of Regional Pastor.
- B. The present protocol is that the Transition Team (functioning as the CIC) recommends person(s) for this position, and staff at Pastoral Church Relations office “reviews and approves.”
- C. Those filling the positions of Value Stewards will be invited to a few TT meetings to get a feeling or this work.
- D. Josh is interested in the possibility of filling a position of Planning Classis meetings, which is not presently listed as a position to be filled. He has agreed to fill that role for the next Classis meeting in September.

**5-6: E-Motion Strategy, Duane reporting:**

- A. Suggestion came from Marc to have ad hoc groups of 2-3 members of TT assigned to specific issues on our agenda and then report back to the larger group. This would cut down on the meeting time of the larger group.
- B. Some topics to address are grant policy guidelines, role of Commissioned Pastors, and the role of Regional Pastor.
- C. The processing of the job description responses will be worked on by Dave Den Haan, Duane and Dee.

**5-7: Classis Contracta:**

- A. Gerry will set up this meeting for late in June for the examination of Mr. Josh Shaarda, who is being examined for the position of Commissioned Pastor. He is serving in Uganda and will not return to the states until next May.
- B. The exam will be accomplished through Skype, or something similar.
- C. 50% of churches are mandated to attend, all the rest are invited to come.

**5-8: Theme for September Classis Georgetown meeting:**

- Theme is Daring Hospitality
- Possible topics are Family Promise as 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue is beginning involvement, or Fairway's work with Guiding Light Mission
- Need to hear God stories
- Date is Thursday, September 19, 2013, time and place to be determined

**5-9: Meeting with Harold:**

A meeting will be scheduled with Harold in the next couple of weeks to discuss his thoughts on the role of Stated Clerk, and some ongoing duties. Mel and Dee will attend.

**5-10: Financial report, Mel reporting:**

- Finances are in good order
- Budget work needs to be finished by our July meeting
- Grants need to have guidelines
- Some churches that received grants have been paying them back
- **Financial report was accepted as written**

**5-11: Report from Partners Conversation with Alive Ministries, Gerry reporting:**

- Many positive things going on
- Attendance is noticeably increased by attendance of about 120 college students
- Offering is more than meeting the budget without passing the plate
- Need is coming for more space, right pieces have to fall in place as to finances
- Alive is exploring a church plant with the /RCA since church planting is a part of Alive's DNA (added point).

**5-12: Fall Kick-off, Duane reporting:**

- Planning is in process
- Date is October 3, 2013
- Location is in Graafschap CRC in Holland
- Dave Den Haan will be one of the presenters on the journey of Classis Georgetown for the last five years

**5-13: Next meeting dates:**

JUNE MEETING WILL BE THE CLASSIS CONTRACTA FOR JOSH SHAARDA, DETAILS TO COME

**WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2013, 8:30 AM, Georgetown, Gerry devotions, Dee closing prayer**

**WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2013, 8:30 AM, Classis Office, Marc devotions, Mark closing prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

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Classis Georgetown Transition Team