

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM
Redacted Minutes of September 25, 2013, 12:30 PM
Transforming Lives and Communities
Hillcrest CRC

9-1: Marc began our meeting by reading from I Timothy 1:12-16. He shared about how Paul thought he himself was the most unworthy of sinners, yet God showed his grace and mercy to him. Similarly, as we travel through life, at times we can feel so unworthy of God's saving grace. Still, God through his saving grace and mercy gives us the strength to be faithful in his service. Marc led the team in prayer.

9-2: Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Brian Bosscher (10:24 Coordinator in Tricia's absence), Rev. Dave Den Haan, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen, 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/Stated Clerk)

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Ms. Tricia Bosma

9-3: Classis Meeting, September 19, 2013, Guiding Light Mission, reviewed:

- highlights mentioned were dinner with the residents (mentioned several times), and sharing in their stories
- for some delegates it was more like receiving a blessing than being one
- resident Joey Dow's testimony was compelling
- changes in the past few years at Guiding Light Mission gave a positive feeling
- important for TT to be very well organized, some agenda items came in quite late
- delegates seemed to come prepared to deliberate and to work
- "I've almost forgotten what classis used to be, we are in a new culture"

9-4: Encouragement Teams, Brian reporting:

- A. Brian explained the plan for encouragement teams
 - 1, He and Tricia will make the first pairing of churches by drawing lots
 - 2, Pairings will be made regionally
 - 3, All pairings will be approved by the TT
 - 4, Would like 3-4 churches to begin before February
 - 5, Plan is to continue both encouragement teams and coaching teams as needed
 - 6, Possible report to classis in February about specific church's experience with coaching
 - 7, Luncheon meeting with pastors to promote this plan is being considered

9-5: Classis Contracta meeting, Marc and Gerry reporting:

- A. Meeting to address Article 17 matter concerning Rev. Steve Hasper and the Jamestown Christian Reformed Church is planned for Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 12 noon, lunch provided. Location is Georgetown CRC.
- B. Items to be addressed are assessment teams, separation agreements, and cost sharing recommendations.
- C. Marc has agreed to lead an oversight committee to advocate on behalf of the Jamestown CRC and the Rev. Bob Huisman has agreed to a similar position on behalf of Steve.

9-6: Classical Positions and Roles, Dave and Dee reporting:

- A. Responses from 5 pastors still needed.
- B. New Vision Team will be concerned with the big picture of vision, values, and direction and will function best if it has a different mix of gifts.
- C. Work will continue on filling in the vacant positions.

9-7: February 20, 2014, Classis Meeting, Josh reporting:

- A. A reception is being planned to celebrate the new Vision Team and the 25th Anniversary of Classis Georgetown.
- B. A power point history presentation is being considered.
- C. A location for this meeting is undecided.

9-8: Ridgewood's overture regarding including women delegates at classis meetings:

- A. It is best to deliberate the concern in a classis meeting.
- B. Possibility being considered is to address inclusion of both women and deacons.

9-9: Other:

- A. The Rev. Joel Boot, Executive Director of the CRC, has sent information about the Strategic Planning and Adaptive Challenge Team, (SPACT), which has as its task creating conversations among our church members about how the denomination, classes and churches can be more closely connected.
- B. All are encouraged to read "Boundaries for Leaders," by Henry Cloud. (Duane will get copies.)

9-10: Mark closed our meeting with prayer.

9-11: Next meeting dates:

TUESDAY, October 22, 2013, 2:00 PM, 12th Avenue, Mel devotions, Tricia closing prayer

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013, 8:30 AM, Fairway, Josh devotions, Dave closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

DeeVanHeuvelen, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

Classis Georgetown Transition Team