

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM
Redacted Minutes of August 14, 2013, 8:30 AM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Classis Georgetown Office

8-1: Gerry read from 1 Thessalonians 2:17 to 3:6. He explained how the Thessalonians longed to see Paul again, but Timothy was sent there instead. This reminded him of when he was serving in El Salvador and brought the gospel, but after he left in 1989 he has not followed up on the new Christians that came to know Christ from his work there. After all these years, he regrets not doing this, but Lord willing, he will be able to spend 2 weeks there next summer. He suggested that we should all be aware of continued encouragement and support for all new Christians. He concluded by opening with prayer.

8-2: Roll Call, PRESENT:

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

STAFF: Ms. Tricia Bosma (10:24 Coordinator), 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)

8-3: Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Transition Team redacted minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2013.

8-4: Classis Meeting, September 19, 2013 tentative agenda, Josh reporting:

- value highlighted is Daring Hospitality
- location is the Guiding Light Mission in downtown Grand Rapids
- Rev. Tom Kragt will be the meeting president
- approval of Jodi Cole Meyer to a 2nd term on the World Renew board will be included in the Stated Clerk's report
- the Transition Team report will include the 2014 Grant Proposal (under the present policy), the new proposed grant policy, the location of the next classis meeting and why this location
- possibility of 1 or 2 small group exercises
- deacons are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting

8-5: Morphing into a Vision Team, next step, Duane reporting:

- A. Just three responses were received to the request to pastors for 2-20 names of their members that would be good members of the Vision and Value Teams. This letter will be resent.
- B. Dave, Duane and Dee will meet soon to make recommendations to fill Vision Team positions.
- C. A request will be sent to pastors not yet committed to serving on the Vision Team.

8-6: Regional Pastor proposal, Duane and Marc reporting:

- A. Marc and Rev. Bob Huisman have been approved for this position by the Pastor-Church Relations of the CRCNA and will do preliminary work pending their approval of Classis. If classis approves, the appointment will be retroactive to August 1, 2013.
- B. Remaining funds in the 2013 budget of \$4,500 are available for this work.
- C. Regional Pastors will report to the Vision Team monthly through the Healthy Leaders steward/team.

8-7: Proposed Grant Policy, Duane reporting:

- A. Approval was given after revision and second reading.
- B. Kathy will provide final editing of the new proposed policy.
- C. New policy could provide some funds for local churches for requests that are in line with TT's Vision and Values.

- D. If a church in Classis Georgetown applies for a grant, the percentage of ministry shares paid in the last five years will be a factor in considering the grant request.

8-8: Finances and Budget, Mel reporting:

- A. The sum of \$50,000 is scheduled to be paid back from Alive Ministries by this year's end.
- B. TT member noted that we need to encourage our churches to include the classis needs when making their individual budgets.
- C. A suggestion was made that if churches have a large number of excess funds on hand that were given for ministry, they should be encouraged to share with others in classis that have needs.
- D. A good way to do this would be to draft and send a letter from the CGTT to the churches.
- E. The budget for 2014 was presented with an increase of 1.3% over last year. This includes grants to GVSU Campus Ministry, Criminal Justice Chaplaincy, West Michigan Area Youth for Christ (Juvenile Justice Ministry), Georgetown Harmony Homes, and Celebration Fellowship Church. This information will be presented to Classis Georgetown at the September meeting for its approval.

8-9: Staffing:

- **Motion was made, seconded and carried (MSC) to extend contracts for one (1) year to Rev. Duane VanderBrug as Chair/facilitator, and to Ms. Dee VanHeuvelen as Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk.** Their terms will extend through September 2014.

8-10: Other:

- A. Rev. Josh Benton, the new pastor at Friendship Chapel, has been welcomed by Josh Van Drunen.
- B. E-motion strategy—tabled until next month.
- C. Newsletter's future—tabled until next month.
- D. Transfer of Rev. Humberto Casanova's credentials—tabled until next month.

8-11: Mel closed our meeting with prayer.

8-12: Next meeting dates:

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2013, 12:30 PM, Hillcrest CRC, Marc devotions, Mark closing prayer

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

Respectfully submitted,

DeeVanHeuvelen, Administrative Assistant/Interim Stated Clerk

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