

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of December 11, 2013, 12:30 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Georgetown CRC**

**12-1:** Mark shared a devotional about how important hospitality is throughout the world, and that we need to treat others as God treats us. He followed this with opening prayer asking for wisdom and guidance on our meeting.

**12-2: Roll Call, PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Den Haan, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Josh Van Drunen, Rev. Dave Jolman, Value Steward appointee

**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

**12-3: Hospitality project, Gerry reporting:**

Gerry informed us about a possible mission project for 3 weeks next summer, when an organization is looking for housing for 80 Chinese students. Host families will share culture and religious backgrounds with them. Dave J will pursue this project.

**12-4: The minutes of the meeting of 10-22-13 were accepted as written.**

**12-5: Financial report, Mel:** Finances are in relatively good shape as we near year's end.

**A motion was made, supported and carried to designate 100% of Duane's pay as housing allowance.**

**12-6: Transition Team reporter to Classis: Motion was MSC to have Gerry as the official classis reporter from the TT/VT at Classis meetings, with Dave DH as the alternate.**

**12-7: Classis Positions and Roles, Duane and Dee reporting:**

A. Dave DH has talked with Jerry VG about a role on the new Vision Team. Jerry is willing, but not quite ready and asks for help from the TT to discern where he best fits in.

B. TT still needs one more Value Steward, and if a layperson can be found that is willing and able that may be the person that we are looking for.

C. Mark has talked to Tim Holwerda about becoming the prayer coordinator when he is finished with his term on the Student Loan Fund.

**12-8: Interim Regional Pastors:**

A. Duane will draft a Regional Pastor proposal for the agenda of the February 20, 2014, classis meeting. The need and value must be highlighted, along with the honoraria for service given.

B. Healthy Leaders is a possible theme for the May 2014 classis.

C. If pastors would list 5 things their council doesn't know about them, the Regional Pastors could be the missing link between pay-offs and results.

**12-9: Ridgewood's overture, concerning women being seated at classis meetings:**

A. The Ridgewood council has sent the Transition Team grounds/rationale to support this overture. Copies will be sent with the agenda six weeks before the Classis meeting.

B. A delegate from Ridgewood will be asked to introduce their overture and rationale at Classis.

**12-10:** The Stated Clerk received a Classis Survey from the Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon and will send a reply to Andy Ryskamp and Rudy Gonzalez, both from this committee.

**12-11: February Classis meeting, Josh reporting:**

Some topics/issues for the February 20 meeting:

- A. Seating women as delegates at Classis meetings will come to resolution at this meeting in response to Ridgewood's overture.
- B. Seating deacons will be mentioned at this meeting, but a decision will be made at the May meeting.
- B. We will celebrate the birthday of a "new" classis and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Classis Georgetown with a celebratory event.
- C. Dee will locate names of pastors through the past 25 years that we might invite to the dinner.

**12-12: Credentials, Dee reporting:**

- A. **Motion was MSC to transfer the ministerial credentials of Rev. Stan Drenth from EverGreen Ministries to Searchlight Ministries.**
- B. **Motion was MSC to transfer the ministerial credentials of Rev. Robert Timmer from the Inwood Christian Reformed Church in Inwood, Iowa, to the Fairway Christian Reformed Church in Jenison, Michigan.**

**12-13: Synodical delegates, Duane reporting:**

Information was received from Classis Grand Rapids East about a more organized process for selecting both pastor and elder delegates to Synod. We hope to implement some version of this next year.

**12-14: Other:**

A classis-wide worship will be held Sunday evening, March 9, 2014, 5:30 PM at the Fair Haven Ministries worship center. This event is being held to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of classis. Rev. Joel Boot, former pastor of Ridgewood CRC, and presently Executive Director of the CRCNA, will bring the message, and a praise band of Unity alumni will be leading in worship.

**12-15:** Meeting was closed in prayer by Kathy.

**12-16: Next meeting date:**

**MONDAY, January 27, 2014, 10:00 AM, 1<sup>st</sup> Hudsonville, Marc devotions, Gerry closing prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*DeeVanHeuvelen*, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

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