

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of February 4, 2014, 1:00 PM**  
*Transforming Lives and Communities*  
**First Hudsonville CRC**

**2-1:** As the Transition Team is on the edge of becoming the Vision Team, several members share their thoughts, hopes and dreams. This was also Dave Den Haan's last meeting as a member. Overall, the thoughts that were shared were on how cohesive the group had become and how everyone truly enjoyed working together in making a tangible difference in the life of Class Georgetown. Dave was thanked with appreciation for his several years of work. Since Josh will be occasionally attending meetings as the Classis Meeting Planner, he too, was thanked for his new role and for how much difference his work had made to make classis meetings come alive. Marc then opened our meeting with prayer.

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

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

**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

**2-3: Transition Team,** Duane reporting:

Duane reported that this is the last meeting of the Transition Team as it has been functioning the last 2 years, and that at the February Classis Meeting, the Transition Team will morph into the Vision Team.

**2-4: The minutes of the Transition Team meeting of 12-11-13 were accepted as written.**

**2-5: Classis Positions and Roles,** Duane reporting:

- A. There are nominees for four of the five Value Steward positions.
- B. **Motion was made, supported and carried to ask Rev. Larry Doornbos to be the Collaborative Relationships Value Steward nominee. (Larry accepted the nomination.)**
- C. The following are the positions and the names of those filling them:

Value Steward, Empowering Worship	Rev. Mark Bennink
Value Steward, Healthy Leaders	Rev. Marc Nelesen
Value Steward, Risky Compassion	Rev. Gerry Koning
Value Steward, Daring Hospitality	Rev. Dave Jolman
Vision Team Chair/Leader	Rev. Duane VanderBrug

The Value Stewards will be responsible for recruiting their teams.
- D. Terms for Value Stewards will be for three renewable (3) years, beginning at the February Classis meeting, and will be staggered.

**2-6: Regional Pastors,** Marc reporting:

- He and Rev. Bob Huisman have dealt with a soft crises situation
- He provided initial information about a possible reduced cost program with Pine Rest for pastors and families
- Marc and Dave DH will meet with the Jamestown CRC next week
- There will be a Pastor's Lunch held at noon on February 10 to welcome Rev. Len Kuyvenhoven to Ridgewood CRC and Rev. Larry Doornbos back to EverGreen

**2-7: Stated Clerk, Dee reporting:**

**Motion was made, supported and carried to transfer the following ministerial credentials:**

- **Rev. Ronald Baker** from Faith CRC, Holland, Michigan, Classis Holland, to Messiah CRC, Hudsonville, Michigan, Classis Georgetown
- **Rev. Len Kuyvenhoven** from Neland Avenue CRC of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Classis Grand Rapids East, to Ridgewood CRC, Jenison, Michigan, Classis Georgetown

**2-8: Financial Report, Mel reporting:**

Mel reports that finances are in relatively good shape, much improved over the past few years. In the ensuing conversation, the following topics were discussed relating to finances:

- addressing the tithes vs. designated offerings
- instilling a deeper financial investment in the church
- naming and addressing the financial white elephants in our midst
- valuing each other and the denomination
- encouraging mutual accountability
- Note: Marc will draft a letter to our churches for further discussion of these concerns

**2-9: Classis Meeting Agenda Planning, Josh reporting:**

- A. Most of the agenda is finished for the February 20 Classis meeting, but a few more items may need to be added.
- B. **MSC to hold the May 15, 2014, Classis Meeting at Immanuel CRC with the theme of Healthy Leaders.**
- C. **MSC to change the Transition Team to the Vision Team at the February 20, 2014 Classis meeting.**

**2-10: Other business:**

- A. Work will need to be held on defining the team duties of the Value Stewards.
- B. **Mark asked for up to \$100 to pay Fair Haven's technical person for the musicians practice time for the Classis Wide Worship March 9, 2014, at 5:30 PM at FairHaven Church in Jenison. Motion was MSC to approve these funds.**
- C. Mark also asked for suggestions for the offering and ideas/thoughts can be mailed to him.

**2:11:** Meeting was closed in prayer by Gerry after Dave and Josh were thanked for their five years of service to Classis Georgetown on the Classical Renewal and Transition Teams.

**2-12: Next meeting date tbd after the members of the Vision Team are approved by classis.**

**Mel devotions, Dave J. closing prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*DeeVanHoeven*, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

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