

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM
Redacted Minutes of July 26, 2012, 12:00 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Twelfth Avenue CRC

7-1: Since Gerry spent a couple of weeks in Israel and Egypt recently on a tour, he based his devotions on that trip. He has heard it said that if God asks someone to do something, there is often a time frame between when God asks and when the actual event happens. So it was with Moses as he struggled to do what God had called him to do. Shortly before his death God asked him to climb Mt. Nebo, a major feat for an old man that required a lot of effort. How much effort do we put into serving God today? God also calls each one of us to serve. While this may not always be easy, it is always joyful. He then opened our meeting with prayer.

7-2: Present:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Den Haan, and Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Josh Van Druenen

STAFF: Ms. Kathy Jelsema, Mr. Mel Vander Bie, Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair), and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen

ABSENT: Rev. Marc Nelesen is on sabbatical

OTHER: Rev. Brian Bosscher has stepped aside from his duties and Ms. Tricia Bosma sat at the meeting as a potential replacement for him

7-3: The Transition Team minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting were accepted as written and will be posted on the web site.

7-4: September 20, 2012 Classis agenda, Dave and Josh:

A. Tentative plans:

- 1, Gerry as acting president will open the meeting, welcoming guests and making appropriate comments.
- 2, The meeting will again be held at Signatures in Hudsonville on September 20, 2012, from 3:30 PM to 8 PM.
- 3, The meeting will begin with communion to make it clear that we are in God's presence and the atmosphere will include appropriate background music.
- 4, Following this, 5-7 people who are not delegates, will share how collaboration plays a major role in their daily work. This is intended to give a clearer picture of how important collaboration is in projects and work outside the church.
- 5, Next, Tricia will introduce the 10:24 concept, reiterating that this is not church visiting in a new format, which may then be followed by an interactive presentation on 10:24 by Brian.
- 6, A transition to dinner will follow led by Josh Van Druenen.
- 7, After dinner Gerry will address the issue of the transfer of Rev. Tom Kragt's credentials from the Reformed Church in America to Evergreen Ministries.
- 8, Time is allotted for reports from the treasurer, student loan fund, synod and other reports.
- 9, Classis will close in a worshipful way, with comments, appropriate scripture and singing.

B. Attendance at Classis

- 1, Josh has been in continued conversation with Friendship Chapel and the Transition Team will seek advice and guidance from Classis about the possibility of seating women in office since they are a substantial part of Friendship's council.
- 2, Gerry reported conversation with Rev. Stan Drenth from Searchlight Ministries about that church's attendance at classical meetings. Stan mentioned that Searchlight is working on a ministry statement that, if adopted, could influence that membership. Since Stan's credentials are held by Evergreen Ministries, what, if any, is their role in this?

7-5: Financial report, Mel reporting:

- A. Mel reported that while the budget was doing okay, a gift from one of our churches in the amount of \$10,000 has helped considerably.
- B. **Motion was made, supported and carried to approve the work of the treasurer.**
- C. All of the financial books will be audited this fall.
- D. Mel will provide reports that are less complicated for all and more detailed reports for any one who asks.

7-6: Steps from the Transition Team to the Vision Team:

- A. Gerry and Dee presented a report about Classis positions, incorporating new positions from the new structure. Their proposals will be reworked and will include a one sheet title page as well as a few words of description about what each position accomplishes.
- B. 10:24 coordinator should gather ministry ideas from our churches gleaned from 10:24 consultations that could help bless the broader body of Christ.
- C. Pastors will be encouraged to take an active role in the work of Classis and to plug in where needed according to their passion and to where God is leading them.
- D. Some present members of the Transition Team are apprentices for the Vision Team, but not all.
- E. Both Mark and Gerry have indicated an interest in continuing to serve as the team transitions to the next stage.

7-7: Staffing:

The terms of both the Transition Team Chairman and the Administrative Assistant are set to expire September 30, 2012. **The motion was made, supported and carried to recommend that classis extend both of these appointments for one year**, for which both recipients are graciously thankful.

7-8: Grants requests and request to speak at classis:

- A. Classis Georgetown has received 3 additional requests for grant funds. Dee has been asked to send each of these organizations a response indicating that our funds have all been budgeted for the year 2013.
- B. Another request was made to speak at our next classis meeting in September. That person will also be sent a letter noting that we are unable to honor the request at this time.

7-9: Three Classes Fall Kickoff Event:

Information has been received and brochures will be coming in the mail for this event, which is to be held on October 4, 2012 at Park Christian Reformed Church in Holland, MI. Cost is just \$95.00 for any number of people attending.

7-10: Website:

Kathy will check out how we might be able to increase readership

7-11: Duane closed our meeting with prayer.

7-12: Meeting dates: Thursday, September 13, 8 AM, at Alive Ministries, 263 Church St. Jenison
Next date: Thurs., October 4, 8 AM at the CGTT Office at 5923 Gleneagle Trail, Hudsonville

Respectfully submitted,

Dee VanHoven, Administrative Assistant

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