

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM
Redacted Minutes of March 13, 2013, 8:30 AM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Fairway Christian Reformed Church

3-1: Duane opened with prayer asking for wisdom and guidance for this meeting. Following this Tricia read from Romans 12, noting that these words encourage us to go forward faithfully in the ongoing work of the Transition Team.

3-2: 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; Mr. Mel Vander Bie, (Treasurer); Rev. Duane VanderBrug, (Chair/Facilitator); and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen, (Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor)

GUEST: Rev. Brian Bosscher, 10:24 Consultant

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant/Treasurer and Web Keeper)

3-3: The Transition Team redacted minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2013, were accepted as written, and ready to be posted on classis' web site along with the minutes of January 30, 2013.

3-4: Classis meeting of February 21, 2013:

A. Things learned:

1. Need the best and clearest form of communication.
2. Time spent well on designing the agenda will help to raise expectations of delegates.

B. Recommendations:

1. Raise value of our time together at Classis by only considering items that have been approved by the TT and are on the printed agenda.
2. On sensitive issues, provide basic information only, at Classis and in the minutes.
3. The CIC mandate was given to the Transition Team, so TT members are able to provide information if it is not found in the minutes on the web site.
4. An e-mail will be sent to all pastors to notify them when the Classis and Transition Team minutes are posted on the web site.

3-5: Classis meeting of May 16, 2013, Gerry reporting:

A. Theme will be Value #5, *Risky Compassion*, with a focus on the justice part.

1. Location will be the therapy room at Harbor House Ministries on 44th Street in Jenison.
2. Possible text for the theme is Luke 14.
3. May be able to minister to residents through serving the meal or foot washing.
4. Small group discussion of 2-3 people work well.
5. Commissioned Pastor exam for Cory Nederveld, current youth pastor at Cottonwood Church, will be part of this agenda. The Rev. Brian Bosscher will be an examining pastor.
6. Dave and Marc will present in depth information about job descriptions for Classis Georgetown.
7. Meeting will close with Holy Communion.

3-6: Commissioned Pastor role of classis:

- A. Gerry reported that Cottonwood Church has requested this exam for their youth pastor, Mr. Cory Nederveld. Because he is currently attending Calvin Seminary as a M.Div. student, he has a student license to preach and will not need the preaching part of the exam.
- B. The reason of pursuing this office now and what is expected of classis was discussed.

3-7: 10:24 Concept, Trish and Brian reporting:

- A. Less emphasis on coaching, more emphasis on *encouragement* teams.
 - 1. Intended to serve the purpose of what was known as church visitors..
 - 2. Need to recruit more committed people.
 - 3. Need to celebrate what churches are doing.
 - 4. Every church could benefit by having an encouragement team.
- B. Encouragement sessions at a church might include:
 - 1. Sharing the good things happening.
 - 2. Discussion of a specific issue.
 - 3. Group discussion.
 - 4. Defining biggest challenge.
 - 5. Verbalizing things for which to give thanks.
 - 6. Keeping clear and open communication.
- C. Encouragement teams may be more helpful for many churches than a coaching team.
- D. Encouragement teams might suggest coaching if they perceive it would be beneficial.

3-8: Jamestown Christian Reformed Church, Gerry and Marc reporting:

Gerry is waiting on a response from the Safe Church Ministry Team and Marc has passed the TT's information to the Rev. Norm Thomasma at CRC Pastor-Church Relations, who is working with the church.

3-9: Next step in becoming the Vision Team:

- A. Important next step is to recruit Value Stewards.
- B. With the resignation of Harold Postma from the Stated Clerk position, Dee was asked to serve as Interim Stated Clerk until the September classis meeting, with assistance from TT members and staff.

3-10: Other:

- A. The denomination is asking for the name of the classical Prayer Coordinator in anticipation of the Prayer Summit. Classis hopes to get this position filled by this fall.
- B. Financial report, according to Mel, the budget is in good shape. **This information was accepted as written.**
- C. Duane provided information on *MissionInsite* from the denomination about demographics in our area, and will send electronic copies to TT members and church pastors via e-mail. A meeting of those interested in the reports will be scheduled with Ms. Amy Schenkel, a representative of Christian Reformed Home Missions.

3-11: Next meeting dates:

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2013, 8:30 AM, 12th Ave, Dave devotions, Duane closing prayer
WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2013, 8:30 AM, Trinity, Kathy devotions, Josh closing prayer

3-12: Mel closed our meeting with prayer

Assignments:

Classis agenda for May: Gerry

10:24 Recruiting: Tricia

Info re commissioned pastor trends: Marc

Information table at May classis meeting with job description information and classis new organizational chart: Dave, Marc

Respectfully submitted,

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Classis Georgetown Transition Team