

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of November 11, 2013, 10:00 AM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Fairway CRC**

**11-1:** Some thoughts on John the Baptist were shared by Josh for our devotions, which he followed with prayer.

**11-2: Roll Call, PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:** Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Webkeeper), Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator); and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Stated Clerk)

**GUEST:** Rev. Dave Jolman, Value Steward appointee

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Ms. Tricia Bosma, Mr. Mel Vander Bie

**11-3: The minutes of the meeting of 10-22-13 were approved as written.**

**11-4: Financial report:** Presented for information in Mel's absence.

**11-5: Classis Agenda:** Agenda items must be presented to the Stated Clerk six (6) weeks prior to each Classis meeting.

**11-6: Classis Positions and Roles,** Dave and Dee reporting:

- A. A few more pastors still need to be plugged into positions.
- B. Term limits being considered will begin on June 1 and end on May 30.
- C. Decision is that the Student Loan Fund would be under the umbrella of Healthy Leaders.
- D. Three present Transition Team members will become Value Stewards.
- E. Dave asked to be relieved of his duties (1) as TT reporter to classis and (2) on the classis Positions and Roles task. Duane will take responsibility along with Dee for item (2).

**11-7: Interim Regional Pastors,** Marc reporting:

- A. Interim Regional Co-pastors Revs. Marc Nelesen and Bob Huisman hosted 6 pastor visits in October and 7 in November.
- B. Bob attended the three day Regional Pastor Conference and Marc a partial day, at the Prince Center of Calvin College.
- C. Marc and Bob are hosting 2 luncheons for pastors, one tomorrow for 7-8 pastors and on Thursday for fifteen pastors.
- D. Marc distributed copies of his ThM thesis titled "Parish the Thought," to the TT members.
- E. This book talks about the huge problem of dealing with loss, as opposed to change, and how important it is to learn how to engage loss.
- F. Duane will draft a one page proposal about the position description of the IRP's, since meeting the needs of the pastors is more important than the job description.
- G. \$9,000 is budgeted in 2014 for the work of IRP's, with \$2,000 for expenses and \$3,500 specified for each of the IRP's time.

**11-8: Ridgewood's overture,** concerning women being seated at classis meetings:

Ridgewood's clerk of council will be contacted by Dee asking for a short one page history behind this overture, and also some grounds for bringing it to classis.

**11-9: February Classis meeting, Josh reporting:**

- A. For the 2014 meetings of classis Dave Den Haan is appointed as chair and Rev. Jack Dik as vice-chair.
- B. We will celebrate the birthday of a "new" classis with a celebratory event.
- C. Motion was made, seconded and carried to hold the meeting at Sunnybrook Country Club.
- D. Reservations will be needed to attend.

**11-10: Classis-wide Worship Service, Mark reporting:**

- date is March 9, 2014, 5:30 PM
- musicians, speaker and text are all confirmed
- location has been confirmed as Fair Haven Ministries sanctuary

**11-11: Rev. Steve Hasper:**

- Gerry and Rev. Bob Huisman continue their work with Steve
- some of the areas to be addressed by Steve will be completed by February
- it is up to Steve to inform prospective employers that he is not yet ready for a new position

**11-12: Other:**

- possibility of holding a retreat for TT to discuss operating values, question is what needs to be accomplished
- need to define unspoken operational values of the Transition Team which are to be passed on to the Vision Team

**11-13:** Meeting was closed as Dave DH led us in thanksgiving prayers

**11-14: Next meeting date:**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013, 12:30 PM, Georgetown, Mark devotions, Kathy closing prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*DeeVanHeuvelen*, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

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