

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of September 12, 2012, 8:30 AM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Alive Ministries**

**9-1:** "Learning to Delight in Your Thorn" was the theme of Josh's devotions at our meeting. After reading briefly from Genesis 3, 2 Corinthians 12, and John 19, all places in scripture where thorns are mentioned, he concluded that we should all delight in our thorns because the sting is taken away by the "Crown of Thorns." Jesus Christ has removed that sting. He followed with prayer for our meeting.

**9-2: Present:**

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Den Haan, and Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Josh Van Drunen, and Ms. Tricia Bosma, representing 10:24.

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

**9-3: The Transition Team redacted minutes of the July 26, 2012 meeting were accepted as written and will be posted on the web site.**

**9-4: September 20, 2012 Classis agenda, Dave and Josh:**

A. Tentative plans:

- 1, The meeting will again be held at Signatures in Hudsonville on September 20, 2012, from 3:30 PM to 8 PM.
- 2, Dave asked 5-7 people who are not delegates to share how collaboration plays a major role in their daily work. He will then explain how important collaboration is in all areas of life, including in our churches, and suggest that we need to think about ways to make this happen. About what do we need to be much more collaborative?
- 3, The business part of the meeting will follow dinner; can this be done collaboratively?
- 4, Receiving Rev. Tom Kragt's ministerial credentials from the Reformed Church in America can be an example of collaboration with other denominations.
- 5, Tricia has been asked by a Banner correspondent to provide information about 10:24 Teams for an upcoming article; Josh will collaborate with her.
- 6, The question was raised as to where and what we define as a collaborative relationship.
- 7, Dave requested that all delegates be surveyed one week after the Classis meeting asking only one question: what is the most memorable thing or event for you that happened at Classis last week?
- 8, A three sentence section on collaborative relationships will be included in closing comments.

- B. 1, Some reconfiguring may be done to the setup at Signatures for better interaction with delegates.
- 2, Dave will address the issue of churches understanding that making pastors more available for classis work is a normal part of the work of a pastor in a local congregation.

**9-5: February 21, 2013 Classis meeting:**

- A. Tentative date is February 21, 2013, starting at 3:30 PM
- B. Theme is the third value adopted by classis, **Empowering Worship**
- C. Need to discover concrete, constructive, critical success factors in all classis values and need to ask classis members for examples.
- D. Suggestion was made to create a brochure with information on/about Classis Georgetown

**9-6: Morphing into the Vision Team:**

- A. What do we do next to develop the Vision Team as the one reporting entity to classis.

- B. Priority is to get Value Leaders in place (Note: Steve Hasper is willing to resume his work with the Transition Team).
- C. Need is to recruit others for classis work possibly through raising the profile of positions available.
- D. Classis needs to approve this in concept, and to help that process along Marc and Steve will work on developing a 3 sentence synopsis, Duane will write a summary document and Gerry and Dee will work on simplifying the job description document.
- E. Classis needs to approve one year reappointments of Duane VanderBrug, Transition Team Chair and Dee VanHeuvelen, Administrative Assistant, through September 2013.

**9-7: Financial report, Mel reporting:**

- A. Mel reported that funds are holding their own.
- B. An additional request was received for funds from the Student Fund Committee, but Mel anticipates that if it is approved, there will be enough excess funds so that the budget does not need to be increased.
- C. The role of the Student Fund is being proposed to include the larger concerns of leadership development.
- D. Motion was made, approved and carried to approve the work of the Treasurer.

**9-8: 10:24 report, Tricia reporting:**

- A. The training session for Friday, September 14, has been cancelled due to a shortage of participants.
- B. Suggestion was made to tie this event into classis meetings, so the next training session is planned for February 21, 2013, with lunch at 12 noon, followed by 10:24 training from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM, followed by the Classis meeting at 4:00 PM.

**9-9: Other business:**

- A. A Fall Leadership Kickoff Event is planned for Thursday, October 4, 2012, at Park CRC in Holland. Two additional seminars have been added since the information was first sent, but updates have been sent to each church.
- B. The next newsletter is in process.
- C. The Transition Team plans to be paperless by the classis meeting of September 2013.
- D. Need to make the web site more of a go to place, suggestions needed.
- E. Several books were recommended for reading by TT members including "The Fly in the Ointment," "The Little Book of Healthy Organizations," and "Congregational Leadership Process."

**9-10: Meeting dates:**

**Thursday, October 4, 8:30 AM, CG Office (a.k.a. Dee's Depot), 5923 Gleneagle Trail, Hudsonville (directions to follow), Mark, devotions**

**Wednesday, November 14, 8:30 AM, Georgetown CRC, Dave, devotions**

**Wednesday, December 12, 8:30 AM, Fairway CRC, Gerry, devotions**

**9-11: Duane closed our meeting with prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*Dee VanHeuvelen*, Administrative Assistant

Classis Georgetown Transition Team