

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of June 1, 2017, 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

First Hudsonville CRC, 5486 - 32nd Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

1-1: Dave Jolman shared his thoughts on being hospitable in our churches and in our lives. By highlighting Peter and Paul's words about offering hospitality, he emphasized how we are to welcome all people. Dave opened with prayer.

1-2: Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen

STAFF: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator), Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

1-3: MSC to accept, as written, the Vision Team minutes of May 11, 2017.

1-4: Financial Report from Mel:

Mel offered a brief financial report stating that finances are looking good. He asks that all grant information be given to him by July so he can figure the amounts into the budget.

1-5: Stated Clerk's Report:

Action Items:

A. The council of Alive Ministries would like to make a formal request for classis to allow Carrie Rodgers to begin down the path of Commissioned Pastor as Young Adult Discipleship Director at Alive.

a. Glenda will email Susan LaClear letting her know the Vision Team is eager to walk with them and Carrie on this journey. We ask for a formal letter addressed to the Vision Team. The letter should include a detailed job description of what this position would entail for Carrie.

b. Gerry Koning noted that the Red Mesa classis had a detailed procedure for commissioned pastors. Glenda will ask Susan if she has this and, if so, to send it for us to peruse.

B. Lynrae Frens (our WR board member) would like to address classis about her role in representing Classis Georgetown. Glenda will invite her to the fall classis meeting. She will be introduced and will be available for questions and conversation over the dinner hour. A kiosk of information can be set up if she desires.

The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

1-6: Review of Classis meeting agenda for June 15, 2017

Practica portion: Tim Holwerda

Theological portion: Ed Tamminga

Sermon evaluators: Brian Bosscher and Terry Genzink

Two synodical deputies: Stan Scripps and Hank Vlaardingerbroek. Still looking for a third deputy.

1-7: Vision Team members

Jim asked Dave DenHaan to join the Vision Team. Dave is waiting to receive a blessing from his elders before accepting.

1-8: Friendship Chapel/Pastor Josh Benton

A. Friendship Chapel sold their property to Sunrise Ministries, effective the end of May.

- B. Classis asked the Vision Team to look at the financial component of the severance package Josh received.
The Vision Team directs Marc Nelesen to talk to Larry Doornbos at Evergreen Ministries, asking him to refer this to the Evergreen Deacons for evaluation. Josh and his family worship at Evergreen and have been enfolded into the Evergreen family.

1-9: Youth Formation Gathering in Chicago

Report received from Ron DeVries, denominational youth leader, re: Youth Gathering

1-10: Clergy Mental Health:

Classis continues to encourage pastors and staff to be aware of and use the services available at Pine Rest. Marc N. reports that in the future the Birkman Method may figure into this as well.

1-11: Candidacy/Student fund

- A. There continues to be a lot to decide and discuss.
B. Jeff Scripps is open to doing more than just being part of Student Fund committee.

1-12: Habitat for Humanity update

- A. Classis Georgetown was represented at the luncheon on Thursday, May 25, in Holland.
B. Three things in the forefront:
 - Church offerings
 - A lot is needed
 - Applicant must be chosen.

1-13: Vision Retreat - Monday, August 21

- Reviewed ideas for discussion at the retreat meeting:
 - Discuss goals of coming year
 - Review stated values and discuss how these fit in with our Habitat project
 - Discuss how classis can be a learning environment and continue to teach and train elders and deacons
 - Decide how classis can be hospitable to deacons
 - Decide on best vehicle(s) of communication within the classis (ie. Newsletter?)

1-14: News on classis churches and other classis information

- A. Marc N. shared the need for our churches to be hospitable.
B. Classis Credentials report form: we will remove the 10:24 question.

1-15: Marc Nelesen closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk
Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES:

- **Classis Georgetown Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 11:30AM, at Hillcrest CRC**
- **Thursday, July 27, 2017, 12:30 PM, Georgetown CRC, Gerry K., opening, Glenda, closing**
- **Retreat – Monday, August 21, 2017, 9:00 AM – early afternoon**