

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Minutes of April 18, 2016, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Classis Georgetown Office**  
**5923 Gleneagle Trail, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

**4-1:** Marc began our meeting by asking questions that were relevant to the specific nature of our meeting; what is it that we need to move forward from, and who we are is found in warming hearts and not by changing minds. This was followed by prayer.

**4-2: Vision Team:**

**Roll Call, PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:** Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer).and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen

**Roll Call, ABSENT WITH NOTICE:**

**STAFF:** Rev. Larry Doornbos; Mrs. Tricia Bosma, Alternate Stated Clerk

**GUESTS:** Mr. Gord Mast, First Jenison CRC Council member; Rev. Joel Boot, Counselor to First Jenison CRC

**4-3: Information from First Jenison Council and Counselor, Mr. Mast and Rev. Boot, reporting:**

- A. Feelings of neglect were experienced by First Jenison, while encouragement for Alive seemed to be more evident.
- B. Good communication was not experienced between First Jenison and the Vision Team.
- C. First Jenison's council wishes to make things right between all of the Classis churches.
- D. Specifics on disbanding:
  - 1. Congregational voting will take place on May 9, 2016, with a vote of 50% plus 1 of confessing members needed to approve the vote to disband with remaining members joining with Baldwin Street CRC.
  - 2. Baldwin Street members will be voting at the same time.
  - 3. June 26, 2016, will be the final worship service that is open to the public, and the last service for the remaining members will be held on July 10, 2016, which will be led by Rev. Milt Doornbos, and will be more pastoral in nature.
- E. The president of classis will express regret to the delegates from First Jenison on behalf of classis for the hurt that was caused.
- F. **The following motion was made by Mr. Mast on behalf of First Jenison's council: The council of First Jenison Christian Reformed Church seeks the approval of Classis Georgetown on the decision of First Jenison Christian Reformed Church to disband. The effective date to disband will be July 11, 2016. This request is contingent upon the approval of the congregation of First Jenison Christian Reformed Church at a congregational meeting which will take place on May 9, 2016. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.** Dave offered a prayer of care, concern, and blessing on the First Jenison congregation.

**4-4: The minutes of the March 25, 2016, Vision Team stand as written.**

**4-5: Mr. Jeff Bolt, representing the CRCNA Foundation, Dee reporting:**

Mr. Bolt met with Dee last week. She has turned the information over to Duane and

he will contact Jeff for further possible use as a source for start-up ministries

**4-6: Classis agenda for May 26, 2016 meeting, Gerry reporting:**

Gerry provided tentative copies of the agenda for review. The location will be at Trinity CRC. The blanks are mostly filled in, but the motion from First Jenison will need to be added and the rewritten overture from Forest Grove will be addressed. Seating of delegates will be assigned before the meeting.

**4-7: Random items of unfinished business:**

- A. The Student Loan Fund** has several requests for help this year. It is hoped that for the next fiscal year, those needs can be a priority.
- B. Review of Classis outside grants** will again be handled by the respective Value Stewards.
- C. All are encouraged to read Classis Matters March/April issue** as it contains an article written by Pastor Adam Barton, on behalf of the First Jenison congregation.
- D. Inside church grants**, none have been received as of this date, but it is hoped that a priority can be given to student funding this year.
- E. Classis Calendar** is being taken care of by Kathy as items are sent to her.

**4-8: Closing prayer was offered by Gerry.**

**Next meeting dates:**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 12:30 PM at Georgetown CRC, with Panera; Mark, opening; Dave closing**

**June tbd.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dee VanHeuvelen*  
Admin. Ass't./Alternate Stated Clerk,  
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