

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of January 11, 2018 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC, 6475 ~ 40th Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426

1-1: Josh VanDrunen read the delightful children's story, *The Runaway Bunny*, and challenged the team to hear echoes of the gospel in the story. The gospel is at its simplest a story for children and we would do well to remember this. Josh opened with prayer.

1-2: Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call, PRESENT:

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

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

1-3: December Vision Team Meeting Minutes

- A. Note: Sam Krikke has agreed to partner with Alive Ministries on their Church Plant Team.
- B. MSC to accept, as written, the Vision Team minutes of December 14, 2017.

1-4: Financial Report from Mel:

Mel offered an end of the year financial report. Finances are in good shape as we begin a new calendar year.

1-5: Stated Clerk's Report:

- A. Two discussion items:
 - 1. Safe Church Ministries – Glenda received information from our Safe-Church coordinator, Eileen Zwart; re: available grant, from Safe-Church Ministries. Glenda followed this up with a conversation with Eric Kas, the Safe Church Ministry Associate. The grant is available for one-two years with the hope of classis offering a stipend to the coordinator after the grant expires. Glenda will invite Eileen to a meeting, along with Marc Nelesen, to discuss her position as our coordinator.
 - 2. Faith Formation Retreat – Fig VanderMolen will attend a Youth Ministry retreat in Hamilton, Ontario, in January. Glenda spoke with Syd Hielema about funding for this retreat as well as discussing other questions our team had about the position of Youth Ministry Advocate in our classis. A follow-up conversation will take place after the retreat.
- B. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

1-6: Regional Pastors report

- A. Dave Jolman began his work as one of our Regional Pastors on January 1, and is looking forward to this work. He is meeting pastors and making connections.
- B. Marc Nelesen reported on the Birkman Method Assessment available for pastors.

1-7: February 15 Classis Meeting

Jim and Glenda reported on planning meeting with Dave DenHaan.

- A. The meeting will focus on the value of Healthy Leaders. Mr. Bob VandePol (from Pine Rest) will give a presentation on "Resilience".
- B. We will honor Rev. Dan Gritter who will retire on April 7.
- C. Josh VanDrunen, Classis Chair, will design and lead opening and closing devotions.
- D. Regular ministry decisions and updates are included in the agenda

1-8: May Classis Meeting - Empowering Worship

A. Joyce Borger, director of Worship in the CRCNA, will give a presentation. The Team would like to encourage Joyce to challenge all delegates (pastors, elders and deacons) to think about their involvement in worship. Perhaps some table conversations can take place in response to Joyce's presentation. The question is raised about inviting worship leaders to join the presentation. Mark Bennink will share our thoughts with Joyce and invite her feedback.

1-9: Vision Team Replacement for Gerry Koning

Gerry Koning will complete his term on the Vision Team in February. Glenda will contact Susan LaClear, pastor at Alive Ministries. and invite her to consider joining the team as the Value Steward of Risky Compassion.

1-10: Church Counselors

We will wait for church councils to ask before appointing counselors to Immanuel CRC and Fairway CRC.

1-11: Habitat for Humanity

A. Over \$25,000.00 has been received for the project.
B. Presently looking at two properties. Due to the difficulty in finding a lot, the amount to spend on a lot has been increased.

1-12: Clergy Mental Health

Churches continue to use the program available at Pine Rest.

1-13: Classis as a Classroom

Marc Nelesen presented a model for leaders in Classis Georgetown who would like to become commissioned pastors. The team is asked to read the proposed model and offer suggestions for additional learning strategies.

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

The Luis Palau City Fest which will be in Grand Rapids at the end of this coming summer. Some of our churches are involved and we will give time at the Classis meeting in February to promote this event.

1-15: Mark Bennink closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

- **Thursday, February 8, 2018, Georgetown CRC, Dave J., opening; Kathy, closing**
- **Thursday, March 8, 2018, Georgetown CRC, Marc, opening; Glenda, closing**
- **Classis meets on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at Georgetown CRC**