

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of January 13, 2015, 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

EverGreen Ministries
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1-1: Kathy began our devotions by reading from Philippians 2:12 ff. She reminded us that we must remember that we not just saved, but saved for a good purpose, and that we need to be like shining stars in this world. She opened with prayer.

1-2: Vision Team: We had a short time of celebration for Mel and his new wife, Linda, who joined us as we shared a “wedding cake” together.

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 (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Stated Clerk)

ABSENT: Rev. Larry Doornbos, awn

1-3: Alternate Stated Clerk:

After a lunch meeting with Tricia Bosma, Dee announced that Tricia has accepted an offer to fill the role of Alternate Stated Clerk. A plan of how her time will be spent will be worked out after she attends the February 19 classis meeting.

1-4: The minutes of December 4, 2014, stand as written.

1-5: Agenda for February 19, 2015 Classis Georgetown meeting:

- A. The VT reviewed the tentative agenda sent by Josh Van Drunen.
- B. Dave will check with Rev. Dave Den Haan to make sure that he is willing to serve as president of this meeting.
- C. The council of Hillcrest CRC is asking, via their credential report, if the reason for Rev. Humberto Casanova’s request for retirement can be changed from “Honorable Emeritation” to “Resignation from Ministry in the CRCNA.” Because this is such an unusual request, Gerry will be in conversation with Rev. David Koll, from the denomination’s Candidacy Committee, and together with Dee, will determine the action to recommend to both classis and Hillcrest.
- D. Gerry has met with Rev. Josh Benton from Friendship Chapel concerning an overture which they are requesting to present to classis. After some rewriting, classis will honor the request and the overture will be an agenda item.
- E. The VT Team discussed Rev. Ron Meyer’s request to speak at classis on behalf of CRWM, and decided that sometime in the future this speaking request might be combined with a learning session.

1-6: Prayer Scholarship Proposal, Mark reporting:

On behalf of Rev. Tim Holwerda, our classis Prayer Coordinator, Mark is requesting 5 Scholarships of \$100 each for any pastor or church prayer coordinator to attend the Third Bi-National Prayer Summit on April 13-15, 2015, in California. He is also requesting a sum of \$250 for Rev. Bob Huisman to attend the Korean Prayer Conference in Seoul March 2-9.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve this request with the stipulation

that anyone who receives a scholarship be required to report back to the May classis meeting.

Mark reported that at the classis meeting in May, when Empowering Worship will be highlighted, the focus will be on prayer, rather than prayer and worship.

1-7: Proposal from Karl Westerhof, Duane reporting:

An in-service training invitation was received from the Candidacy Committee and the Classis Renewal Ministry Team. This event will be held on April 30, and either the day before or the day after, depending on scheduling. On April 30 there will be a day long presentation on Ministry of Funerals. On the other day would be conversations on mentoring, and classis vitality and functioning. All costs are covered. Duane will respond that some are interested in attending.

1-8: Classical leadership outcomes, Duane reporting:

Several minutes were spent discussing what we are doing, where we are going, why we are going there, and the outcomes of what we are doing. He has been asked to be the caretaker of our working document.

1-9: Other:

Marc reported that there is a Taste and See event at Western Seminary coming up promoting the Church Renewal Lab. The cost per church is \$5,000 with a subsidy of \$3,500 available.

1-10: Closing prayer: offered by Mark

1-11: Next meeting dates:

Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at 12th Avenue, Mel, devotions; Gerry, closing prayer

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 12:30 PM (lunch meeting at Georgetown CRC, Dave, devotions; Larry, closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

DeeVanHeuvelen, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

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