

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of December 14, 2017, 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

12-1: Considering our Christmas celebrations, and the many children's programs our churches are presenting, Gerry Koning draws our attention to Luke 1 and highlights Mary, who was not more than a child herself. In her "song" Mary talks of herself and how she is mindful of her humble estate. Though the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary also addresses world leaders. We are challenged to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us if we have the audacity to prophecy. Gerry opened with prayer.

12-2: 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)

12-3: November Vision Team Meeting Minutes

MSC to accept, as written, the Vision Team minutes of November 9, 2017.

12-4: Financial Report from Mel:

- A. Mel offered a brief financial report stating that finances in good shape for the remainder of the 2017 fiscal year.
- B. Friendship Chapel gifted Classis Georgetown \$130,610.33. Allocation of the funds:
 - \$40,000 – Habitat for Humanity Project
 - \$70,000 – put in restricted funds (For new church plant)
 - \$10,610.33 – Classis Georgetown General Fund
 - \$10,000 – Denominational Ministry Shares.MSC to disburse of the funds as noted above.

12-5: We welcome our guest, Joyce Borger

- A. Ms. Joyce Borger is the CRCNA director of Worship Ministries and editor of Reformed Worship. Our May classis meeting will focus the value of Empowering Worship and Joyce will speak about community friendly worship.
- B. Joyce presented us with basic ideas of what she will present. How can we, in our churches, be sensitive to the community? How can we do worship that is missional?
- C. It may be good to invite worship leaders and others involved in leadership to the meeting.

12-6: Regional Pastor and Oversight Team

Dave Jolman updates the team on the status of Josh Benton and the needs Josh has. He lays out the resources needed to best meet Josh's needs.

12-7: Stated Clerk's Report:

The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

12-8: Alive Ministries – Church Plant Team

Alive has requested a partner from Classis Georgetown to serve on their church plant team. Dave Jolman will ask Sam Krikke (Searchlight) if he is interested. If he is not, Jim will ask Nate Meldrim (Messiah CRC).

12-9: February 15 Classis Meeting

- A. The meeting will focus on the value of Healthy Leaders. Mr. Bob VandePol (from Pine Rest) will give a presentation on “Resilience”
- B. Meeting will be held in the Summit Room at Georgetown CRC.
- C. Dave DenHaan will plan the meeting before he leaves Fairway.

12-10: Dave DenHaan’s departure and its implications

- A. Council of Delegates: we must nominate an *interim* representative to the Council of Delegates. The COD will appoint the *interim* delegate at their meeting in February. Jim Roskam has agreed to let his name stand. Glenda will contact Dave VanRandwyk who was a nominee last year, and see if he is interested in allowing his name to stand again.
- B. Classis Meeting Planner: Glenda and Jim will take this over in cooperation Josh VanDrunen.

12-11: Jim’s report on EverGreen; visit with Larry Doornbos

Jim met with Larry to talk about EverGreen not being able to attend Classis Meetings because of their Thursday evening worship services. Larry understands the difficulty of changing the day Classis meets. He assures us the EverGreen will always have delegates at the meetings and Pastor Tom Kragt may attend rather than Larry.

12-12: Great Lakes Gathering for Classis Leaders

There will be a meeting at the Prince Conference Center on February 8. Glenda will attend as a representative of Classis Georgetown.

12-13: Classis Georgetown’s stand on sexual harassment.

When allegations are made, the Safe Church Coordinator is required to convene a body to investigate and process the allegations. It may be good for our classis to look at the policies and procedures laid out for us.

12-14: Habitat for Humanity

- A. Thus far over \$25,000.00 has been received for the project. It is suggested that letters of thanks could be sent to donors.
- B. Due to the difficulty in finding a lot, the amount to spend on a lot will be increased.
- C. Hoping for a February/March start.

12-15: Church Counselors

Due to pastoral vacancies, Immanuel CRC needs a counselor and Fairway CRC will need one after January. We will wait to appoint counselors seeing as the councils of vacant churches must for a counselor.

12-16: Clergy Mental Health

It is good to note that the program partnership we have with Pine Rest is begin used.

12-17: News on classis churches and other classis information

Suggestion to perhaps host a presentation on Community Worship and rally pastors and worship leaders. This could be done in conjunction with a Classis Meeting. Referred to Classis Planning Team

12-18: Jim Roskam closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

- Thursday, January 11, 2018, Georgetown CRC, Josh, opening; Mark, closing
- 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