

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of December 4, 2014, 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC
6475 40th Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426

12-1: We were led in our devotional time by Larry, who read from Luke 5:33-39. Here it tells about how the bridegroom (Christ) is making new wine for his church, which is more pleasant and palatable, but the people still want the old wine. He opened our meeting with prayer.

12-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT: The condolences of the VT were shared with Gerry in the unexpected passing of his mother recently.

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Larry Doornbos, 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)

12-3: Financial report, Mel reporting:

- A. We should come in under budget this year, and maybe it's time to invest part of the restricted funds some place where there is a bit more earnings potential.
- B. **A motion was made, supported, and carried to designate 100% of Duane's pay as housing allowance.**
- C. The financial report stands as written.

12-4: The minutes of October 30, 2014, stand as written.

12-5: Overture from Friendship Chapel:

- A. Has this overture been created because of one particular situation?
- B. The motivation for this overture is unclear.
- C. How will it be determined who is ministry staff?
- D. There are resources already in place to resolve this issue.
- E. Gerry will meet with Josh and report back to our next meeting.

12-6: Classis meeting of February 19, 2015, Dave reporting:

- A. Location will be Trinity CRC.
- B. Sudanese people will prepare some of the food for dinner and interaction is expected with them. They will also join us in worship.
- C. Sam Huizinga, from CRHM, will join us for a learning time.
- D. More details will be available at our next meeting.

12-7: Widening the classical culture ripples, Duane reporting:

- ~where do we want to lead and what direction do we want to go?
- ~leading needs to be value specific.
- ~how much is centralized and what can we do centrally that individual churches cannot do alone.
- ~can we create small "parish" areas in our communities made up of members from different churches?

- ~projects may bring people together more than location.
- ~16 people have signed up for the Daring Hospitality lunch meeting next week with Dave, and this may provide some good ideas.
- ~our churches need to learn or relearn how to connect with community
- ~who/what is classis?
- ~"dream's" for classis reports from VT members were compiled and handed out

12-8: Newsletter future, Duane reporting:

- ~it will continue for the present
- ~focus should be on sharing stories and sharing values

12-9: Other:

- ~what will be our response to the SPACT report presented by the denomination?
- ~it was decided to wait until after synod next summer to address the issue of seating deacons at classis meetings.
- ~education is necessary for this to pass at our classis.
- ~need is there to find something we can do with several churches, like a classis-wide mission trip.
- ~one of our grant recipients, Georgetown Harmony Homes, will be needing help because of cuts in government funds.
- ~initial conversation was begun about the need for an alternate stated clerk

12-10: Provocative Vision Reports:

- A. Collaborative Relationships, Larry reporting: no report
- B. Healthy Leaders, Marc reporting:
 1. He is working on putting a book club together.
 2. The Regional Co-Pastors continue to be proactive.
- C. Empowering Worship, Mark reporting:
 1. He would like to share more ministry ideas.
 2. Plans continue to be worked out for the May 21, 2015 classis meeting
- D. Daring Hospitality, Dave reporting:
 1. He is planning a brainstorming lunch meeting for next week Tuesday.
 2. He continues to work on the February 19 classis meeting.
- E. Risky Compassion, Gerry reporting: no report

12-11: Closing prayer: offered by Marc

12-12: Next meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at EverGreen, Kathy, devotions; Mark, closing prayer

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

Respectfully submitted,

DeeVanHeuvelen, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

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