

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of April 12, 2018 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

4-1: Mark Bennink share verses from Psalm 18, a psalm David wrote after he was delivered from the hand of Saul. In this season of celebrating the resurrection of our Savior, we should also celebrate the victor whom we are serving. Mark opened with prayer.

4-2: Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Susan LaClear, 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)

4-3: March Vision Team Meeting Minutes

Minutes are accepted as written.

4-4 Financial Report from Mel:

- A. Cash flow is good.
- B. Mel will pay 2nd quarter grants in the next few weeks.

4-5: Stated Clerk's Report:

- A. Glenda received an email from Chaplain Services; re: grant money. They had expected to use the money for a Safe Haven Chaplain but there is not yet a chaplain in place. They used the first quarter grant money for the Ronald McDonald House. They will return the money if we ask them to. It was decided that we will not ask for money to be returned, but we will not continue to send money this year. Glenda will send our reply.
- B. Transfer of ecclesiastical credentials for Rev. Terry Scholten from Ridgewood CRC to Alive Ministries.
- C. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

4-6: Regional Pastors report

- A. A lunch for all pastor who took the Birkman Method Assessment will be held this month.
- B. Rev. Josh Benton continues to work through the process of reevaluation and there is some progress. Denominational records show that he is available for a call. The clerk will send formal communication to the CRCNA asking them to update these records as Josh is not eligible for a call at this time.

4-7: May 17 Classis Meeting

First draft of the agenda is distributed and discussed.

- a. Meeting will be held at Messiah CRC.
- b. Josh and Glenda will work through the agenda, paying attention to timing of worship/ prayer time and committee reports.
- c. Email will be sent to churches asking them to invite worship committees, worship teams, and worship leaders to join the meeting for Rev. Joyce Borger's presentation.

4-8: Synodical Delegate Reimbursement

An amendment has been made to the synodical reimbursement (see 3-15 of Vision Team Minutes of 3/8/18).

4-9: Habitat Project

- A. A sign is now posted at the build site (SE corner of 48th and Baldwin).
- B. Jim has been in contact with Kathy Runyon of The Advance Newspaper. Hopefully she will run a story in an upcoming edition.
- C. Lakeshore Habitat will host a Spring Luncheon on May 1 at the Doubletree in Holland. We are asked to let Jim know if we can attend.

4-10: CRASE Training

Mark Bennink surveyed churches, asking for interest in attending a CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) Training. There is interest and perhaps a meeting can be planned for early June.

4-11: Grants

- A. Jim and Josh presented their thoughts on the grant process:
 - 1. The five values of Classis Georgetown must be tied to grants.
 - 2. Grants should be readily available for churches in our classis to partner in ministry. Our goal should be to encourage churches to work together.
 - 3. Grants do not always have to be tied to the calendar year.
 - 4. Grant recipients should be invited to share with the classis how the grant has assisted their ministry so that we can celebrate this together.
- B. Glenda will take time to rework the grant forms; one should be for annual grants, another should be a flexible grant form.
- C. Glenda will inform grant recipients that we are in the process of revamping the forms.

4-12: Classis Updates

- A. Church Counselors: Rev. Gerry Koning is the counselor for Fairway; Rev. Marc Nelesen is the counselor for Jamestown and has been asked to serve as counselor at Immanuel CRC.
- B. Clergy Mental Health: Marc sent an email to church leaders; re: Pine Rest Mental Health Conference - *The Church and Mental Health*, to be held on May 15.

4-13: News on classis churches and classis information

- A. Clarence Reyneveld, former CRC pastor, passed away on April 3.
- B. Rev. Dan Gritter (Jamestown CRC) has retired. His last service was April 8.
- C. 12th Avenue: Mark Bennink will meet with Jim and Marc and then the council of 12th Avenue will also meet with Jim and Marc. Prayers are requested for 12th Avenue as they look at their long-term ministry goals.
- D. Jim met with the Council of Searchlight. He hopes to have more meetings like this with church councils.

4-14: Jim Roskam closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

- **Thursday, May 10, Georgetown CRC, Josh, opening; Jim, closing**
- **Classis meets on Thursday, May 17, 2018.**
- **Fall Classis Meeting is Thursday, October 18, 2018**