

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of April 20, 2017, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM
Transforming Lives and Communities
Trinity CRC, 060 Port Sheldon Rd SW, Grandville, MI 49418

1-1: Larry shared words from Psalm 103. As we reflect on Holy Week we share what things and/or events have made us thankful over the past week. Larry opened with prayer.

1-2: Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Larry Doornbos,

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

Roll Call, ABSENT:

MEMBER: Rev. Marc Nelesen

1-3: Agenda additions:

Strong Tower Ministries (1-14b.)

Transferring credentials (1-18)

1-4: The Vision Team minutes of March 16, 2017 were accepted as written.

1-5: Financial Report from Mel:

Mel offered a brief financial report stating that the financial situation is stable at this time. The cash balance/flow is good. A promissory note was signed by Friendship Chapel.

1-6: Stated Clerk's Report:

A. In addition to the written report Glenda noted that she and Jim were in communication in regards to role of Stated Clerk and that of Administrative Assistant.

B. We still need a Deacon delegate to Synod. Glenda will email the pastors asking them to speak one-on-one with a deacon they feel could perhaps be a delegate.

The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

1-7: Tentative Classis meeting agenda for May 18, 2017

A. Communion will be served during the closing worship. Larry D. and Mark B. volunteer to serve as worship leaders.

B. Synodical deputies are Rev. Bob Boorsma, Rev. Henry Admiraal, and Rev. Doug Fauble

1-8: Biblical Diversity seminar on March 24-25

Gerry reported that the seminar was very good. They would have liked to have had more people but the smaller numbers allowed for deeper discussions. Trinity was blessed to have Dr. Clarence Shuler preach in their church on March 26.

1-9: Clergy Mental Health:

Marc isn't present to make a report but Mel reports that there is an agreement through Pine Rest for an additional \$2000.00 available for clergy and his/her family if needed. This is above what classis provides.

1-10: Habitat for Humanity update

Jim shares that 12/18 churches now have a contact person. He will be meeting with the contacts at 9 AM on April 29 at Georgetown CRC. Don W. will be there as well. He will send two more mailings: 1. to churches that haven't designated a contact person; 2. reminding contacts to confirm their attendance at the April 29 meeting.

1-11: Candidacy/ Student fund merging

Gerry Koning, Marc Neleson and Dave Den Haan met on April 12. Meeting minutes are distributed. Gerry shared a few highlights from the minutes. They are asking Dave K. and Geoff VDM (from CTS) to get together and lay out what their expectations are of the Classis.

1-12: Fall Classis Meeting topic

- A. Brainstormed ideas for a topic relating to our stated values for the fall meeting. One idea had been to have Safe-Church ministry give a presentation but this will be postponed so that we are able to highlight our five values.
- B. Not all who attend classis meetings are aware of the values. Perhaps we can have value stewards speak to their area of ministry and, as a further step explain how the value ties into the habitat project in a concrete way.
- C. At the summer retreat we will plan topics for next three classis meetings.

1-13: Report on Friendship Chapel - Article 17 and Request for Monetary assistance

- A. Larry met with Friendship Chapel about the future of their building. Their desire is to pass the building on to a group that reflects their ministry. Larry asked them to remember the ministry of Classis Georgetown as they decide how to distribute funds following the sale of the building and property.
- B. Josh continues to have an office at EGM. He is working on his D. Min and doing what is expected of him but things are not easy.

1-14: Grant Requests/Renewals

- A. All ministries/individuals who receive grants need to ask for renewals. Glenda will contact them and ask them to complete requests by June 1, 2017. Requests will be reviewed by value stewards and if approved will be part of the budget presented at the Fall Classis meeting.
- B. Strong Tower requests fund to assist in upgrade code updates on their building. The total is \$2089.67. Gerry will include this in his Vision Team report at the May classis meeting.

1-15: Retiree Awards at Classis - take two

Dee will not be coming to the May classis meeting. Mel is reaching out to Duane and will let us know ASAP if Duane will attend. Gerry will write a note of thanks to both Dee and Duane. Glenda will look back in minutes to determine what was decided, re: gifts for Dee and Duane.

1-16: Classis newsletter

There is some discussion as to whether or not a newsletter is needed. In our summer planning session we will discuss what would be a vehicle for communication with churches in Classis Georgetown.

1-17: News on our churches and other classis churches

- A. We received the transfer of credentials from Rev. Bernard Tol of First CRC of South Holland, Illinois, to Cottonwood CRC. Rev. Tol retired to this area.
- B. Larry will check with Rev. Josh Benton and Rev. Jeff Stam about where their credentials will be transferred.
- C. Rev. Stan Drenth will be retiring at the end of June. Searchlight already has begun the interview process.
- D. Five Jenison CRCs meet once a month in the evening for a combined worship service. A number of churches in Hudsonville do this as well.

1-18: Round the table

- A. Larry's term as value steward for Collaborative Relationships comes to an end in May. Jim will be taking over that role, but it may be prudent to bring another pastor to the team. We suggest Dave DH, classical planner.

- B. Fig VanderMolen is representing Classis Georgetown at Youth Champion planning retreat in Chicago. Glenda will ask him to send a brief written report to the Vision Team and share his experiences.
- C. Gerry wonders about the review of the renewal labs. A lot of churches have gone through the renewal lab and it's been met with mixed responses.

1-19: Dave Jolman closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk
Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES:

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 12:30 PM, Georgetown CRC, Mark B., opening, Gerry, closing

Thursday, June 1, 2017, 12:30 PM, 1st Hudsonville CRC, Dave, opening, Glenda, closing