

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Minutes July 15, 2014, 1 PM to 3:20 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**EverGreen Ministries**

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**7-1:** Dave read from Luke 24:13-35 for our devotions. He shared how we need to have our eyes opened to recognize Christ, and how we need to help others to see him as well in many different places. Our hope is in him. Dave followed this by leading us in prayer.

**7-2: Vision Team:**

**Roll Call, PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:** Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator); and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Stated Clerk)

**7-3: Minutes:**

The minutes of the Vision Team meeting of 5-20-14 and the Day Retreat of 6-3-14 stand as written.

**7-4: Ministry Shares report, Marc:**

Responses were received from 19 of the 20 churches. Marc summarized the report as follows:

**Ministry Share Intentionality**

10% of budget – 4 churches

10% of receipts – 2 churches

100%intention/ordinarily – 9 churches

50-80% intentional designation (reduction because of local ministry priority – 4 churches

Comments:

~hope is that the denomination can and will do what they are supposed to do

~we need to learn from each other

**7-5: Day retreat, Duane reporting:**

Some discussions:

~values versus practical outcomes

~denomination's relation to classis

~do old models need tweaking

**7-6: Classis meeting of September 18, 2014, Gerry reporting for Rev. Josh Van Drunen:**

A. Rev. Matt Palsrok will chair the next meeting, coached by Gerry.

B. The classical examination for Candidate Caleb Walcott will take place at this meeting.

C. Appropriate persons will be asked to take part in this exam.

D. The newly proposed budget for 2015 will be voted on.

E. Three additional speakers will be confirmed to make short presentations.

F. More worship would benefit the meeting.

G. Important to end classis on a celebratory note.

**7-7: 10:24 reports:**

- A. Need to encourage churches to participate fully in this program.
- B. Need to ask how, where, what are you doing.
- C. Need to ask what has each church done, and what are you wondering about?
- D. Need to eventually incorporate these questions on to the credential form.

**7-8: Financials:**

- A. Appropriate action is to increase the number of persons authorized to write classical checks by adding the name of the assistant treasurer.
- B. Approval was given to pay a total stipend of \$250 plus mileage, to our evening speakers, Robert DeVries and Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge.

**7-9: Other:**

- A. Dave Jolman presented some of his thoughts/ideas about the Risky Hospitality value and requested feedback from the other team members.
- B. The Vision Team received for information reports from the classis Synodical Deputies Rev. Matt Palsrok and Rev. Mark Bennink.

**7-10: Closing prayer:** offered by Larry

**7-11: Next meeting THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014, at 1 PM (lunch meeting) at EverGreen Ministries, Mark, opening devotions; Mel, closing prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

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Classis Georgetown Vision Team