

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of July 19, 2016, 12:30 PM to 2:10 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Trinity CRC

0-60 Port Sheldon Road, Grandville, MI 49418

7-1: Dave shared some gleanings from a book by David Crowe. This included divisions and polarity and how they are different or the same for Christians. When you overlook a group from the back you have an eternal view of the church, a mess, but a beautiful mess, so we must not let polarization and brokenness become our view. Dave's prayer included thanks God so much for his love.

7-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT:

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

AWN: Rev. Marc Nelesen

STAFF: Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer), and Ms. Dee VanHeuvelen

7-3: Financial Report, Mel reporting:

Budget work sheets have been sent out by Kathy, and when returned a tentative budget will be made out. This will need to be approved at the August VT meeting. The present budget is in good shape. The financial report is accepted as written.

7-4: Stated Clerk's Report, Dee reporting:

The Risky Compassion Discussion Summary report will be distributed to the church councils with the intent that it is used for discussion in council meetings and as a potential discussion starter at the next classis meeting. The stated clerk's report is accepted as written.

7-5: Additional Synod reflections, Gerry reporting:

- The line was held on raising ministry shares
- Deacons are very aware of the financial status of the denomination
- The Board of Trustees has been dissolved
- Overall there is a tremendous appreciation for the denomination

7-6: Classis Meeting of September 15, 2016:

- A. The value will again be Collaborative Relationships
- B. Dr. Steve Timmermans has requested an hour at this meeting to talk about the denomination's new Ministry Plan, including some time for Q and A's. Because Classis Grandville meets the same day, the possibility of combining these meetings and sharing Dr. Timmerman's time is being pursued by Larry.
- C. Because this is the final Classis meeting of the year, churches are being asked to send the same delegates again.
- D. Thought was raised about setting an agenda/focus for one year.
- E. What are the possibilities of having Renewal Lab for classical levels.

- F. The expectation is to have some ideas for Collaborative Ministry come from deacons at the next meeting.
- G. Gerry will contact Rev. Dave Den Haan, Classis Planning Chair; and Rev. Len Kuyvenhoven, Classis President, to update them.
- H. Need to get traction on thoughts about grants from the CRC Foundation

7-7: Grants outside of the church:

- A. Dave reviewed the grant applications from GVSU, and approved a continued grant of \$5,000 for 2017; and Criminal Justice Chaplaincy, and approved a continued grant of \$9,000 for 2017.
- B. Gerry reviewed the grant applications from Georgetown Harmony Homes, and approved a continued grant of \$9,000 for 2017; Celebration Fellowship Church (prison church), and approved a continued grant of \$6,000; and suggested a \$3,000 grant for 2017 (one half of the 2016 grant amount) since the Rev. Marv Vander Vliet has retired from full time ministry at Youth for Christ.

7-8: Other:

Concern was expressed as to the place where Rev. Adam Barton's credentials will be held upon closure of First Jenison CRC. It was shared that he is considering another call, so no action will be taken at the present time.

Next meeting dates:

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 12:30 PM 12th Avenue, Panera,
Kathy opening, Mark closing**

CLASSIS MEETING: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Dee VanHeuvelen
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Classis Georgetown VT