

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of July 27, 2017, 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

- 1-1:** Gerry shared some gleanings from a book *Canoeing the Mountains*. This included how one must adapt or die in new situations. Gerry commented that we all have an adaptive capacity and we all look for and need adventure. Maybe we should all go on an adventure in Classis Georgetown and perhaps the Vision Team needs to look for ways to line up new adventures in our classis. Gerry opened with prayer.
- 1-2:** Vision Team (VT):
Roll Call, PRESENT:
MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen
STAFF: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator),
Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)
GUEST: Rev. David DenHaan
- 1-3: MSC** to accept, as written, the Vision Team minutes of June 1, 2017.
- 1-4: Financial Report from Mel:**
A. Mel offered a brief financial report stating that finances are looking good. Friendship Chapel has repaid the \$20,000 loan. Glenda will prepare a "paid in full" note for Mel and Jim to sign and then send to Friendship Chapel.
B. Mel reviewed the preliminary 2018 budget. He noted some adjustments to administration and regional pastor line items.
- 1-5: Stated Clerk's Report:**
Alive Ministries requests that Carrie Rodgers begin the journey to becoming a commissioned pastor. Marc Nelesen will begin discussion with Alive and the team will work with them and Carrie during the process. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.
- 1-6: Council of Delegates – Rev. David DenHaan reporting**
Dave has been appointed to represent Classis Georgetown on the Council of Delegates and regrets not being able to join the Vision Team. Dave reports on the newly formed Classis of Delegates which will meet three times each year. The first meeting is in October and Dave will report on the COD at the October classis meeting. Note: Dave will continue to plan Classis meetings!
- 1-7: Friendship Chapel/Pastor Josh Benton**
A. Friendship Chapel sold their property to Sunrise Ministries, effective the end of May.
B. Pastor Josh has connected with the deacons at EverGreen Ministries.
- 1-8 Clergy Mental Health:**
Marc N. met with Pine Rest to discuss if there is anything more we can do for the mental health of clergy. He has been receiving inquiries as to how far this goes in supporting staff and their families.
- 1-9: Candidacy/Student fund**
The committee continues to go over formal steps to candidacy. They would like to have modules that are specific to Classis Georgetown.

1-10: Habitat for Humanity update

- A. A bus tour of Habitat projects was held in June
- B. Jim continues to make individual contacts with church representatives.
- C. A family has been chosen - Randal and Stephanie Swierenga who are members of Cottonwood. A meeting will be held on September 14 to meet the family.

1-11 Upcoming meeting dates

Classis Meetings (times and locations TBD):

- Thursday, October 26, 2017
- Thursday, February 15, 2017
- Thursday, May 17, 2017

Vision Team Meetings (time: 12:30 PM; location: Georgetown CRC)

- Thursday, September 14
- Thursday, October 12
- Thursday, November 9
- Thursday, December 14

1-12 October Classis Meeting

Some discussion on what the theme of the meeting should be. At the retreat in August more ideas will be presented.

1-13: 2018 Requested Grants

- Criminal Justice – asking for \$9000 (*Dave J. is looking this over*)
- West Michigan YFC - asking for \$6000 (*Gerry suggests we take \$3,000 of this to give to Barry D. and do not offer a grant to WMYFC in 2018; reasons: this was a grant to support Marv VDV who has retired*)
- Harmony Homes - asking for \$9000 (*Gerry suggests this remains the same for 2018 - they are hoping to open two more homes in the near future; families must contribute beyond what SS pays*)
- Celebration Church - asking for \$6000 (*Gerry suggests \$5,000; they are well established*)
- Campus Ministry GVSU - \$5000 (*Dave J. suggests we continue with this amount for 2018. They minister to a lot of students who are from Classis Georgetown churches*)
- YFC (Barry Dykstra) - \$4000 (*Gerry suggests \$3,000 – Barry is a member at Hillcrest CRC but we would like to encourage Barry to find support in Byron Center – that's where students will find home churches*)
- Chaplain Services Inc. - \$2000 (*Dave J. is looking this over*)
- Strong Towers - \$10,000 (*Mark B. suggests we grant their request and continue supporting this ministry.*)

1-14: News on classis churches and other classis information

- A. We continue to be in prayer for Rev. Dan Gritter as he undergoes treatments for thyroid cancer.
- B. A new steward needs to be chosen. Jim will contact Josh VD (Zutphen) and Kaitlyn Visser (Ridgewood) to determine their availability and willingness.

1-15: Glenda Tebben closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk
Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES:

- Retreat – Monday, August 21, 2017, 9:00 AM, Clock Tower Bldg in Zeeland
- Thursday, September 14, 12:30 PM, Georgetown CRC, Marc N., opening; Mark B., closing
- Thursday, October 12, 12:30 PM, Georgetown CRC, Dave J., opening; Kathy, closing
- Classis Georgetown Meeting on Thursday, October 26