

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of August 23, 2016, 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

12th Avenue CRC
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8-1: Kathy began with sharing the words found in Joshua 3, and also a chapter from John Ortberg's book "If You Want To Walk on Water You Have To Get Out of the Boat." Lesson to be learned is that we will experience God's power, but we need to take the first step. She opened our meeting with prayer.

8-2: 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

8-3: Stated Clerk's Report, Dee reporting:

Rev. Adam Barton has accepted a call to the Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church in McBain, MI. **Motion was made, seconded, and carried to send his credentials to the Stated Clerk of Classis Northern Michigan, Pastor David Prince.** The Stated Clerk's report is accepted as written.

8-4: Financial Report, Mel reporting:

Funds are coming in on a regular basis and enough finances are available to meet our obligations. The budget for 2017 will show some increases, but has not yet been finalized. The annual review has been received. The financial report is accepted as written. **(The finalized budget was approved by the Vision Team electronically on 8-29-16).**

8-5: September 15, Classis meeting:

- A. Dave DH submitted a revised agenda.
- B. Discussion was held as to whether to ask classis to approve working on two housing projects.
- C. The VT would like to incorporate all five values in a classis-wide project.
- D. Possibility of having input on the recipient of a new home was discussed.
- E. **Classis meeting will begin at 3:30 PM at the Ivanrest CRC, and then move to Fairway CRC at 4:45 PM.**

8-6: Classis Meeting of February 16, 2017:

- A. Need to make very clear as to what the new vision/reality will be like.
- B. The dynamics of rolling this out are challenging.
- C. Have to make this a good fit for all Value Stewards.
- D. To bring real transformation in our communities we need to involve adults AND children.

8-7: Candidate:

- A. Cody Zuiderveen, a member of Hillcrest and a recipient of a Student loan for seminary studies, will be declared a candidate in the summer of 2017. However, he is planning to take a position in Haiti before that time.
- B. Mark, Rev. David Koll (Office of Candidacy), Rev. Brian Bosscher (from Hillcrest), and Cody will be meeting in a few weeks to determine the best pathway to ordination for Cody.

8-8: Structure:

- A. It is hoped that it can be in place by January 1, 2017.
- B. The Classis Coordinator will be paid a stipend, as will the Point Person and the Regional Pastor.
- C. Duane was recognized and thanked for helping get Classis Georgetown to where it is today.

8-9: Closing prayer was offered by Mark

Next meeting dates:

**Thursday, September 8, 2016, 12:30 PM, EverGreen, Panera,
Gerry opening, Dave closing**

**CLASSIS MEETING: Thursday, September 15, 2016, 3:30 PM,
Ivanrest CRC/5:00 PM, Fairway CRC**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 12:30 PM, First Hudsonville,
Marc opening, Mel closing**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016, 12:30 PM, Trinity, Larry
opening, Gerry closing**

**Thursday, December 15, 2016, 12:30 PM, Mark opening,
Kathy closing**

Respectfully submitted,
Dee VanHeuvelen
Admin. Ass't./Stated Clerk,
Classis Georgetown VT