

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes July 15, 2014, 1 PM to 3:30 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Classis Georgetown Office

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8-1: Mark began our devotional time by reading from Luke 11:5-13. He mentioned that he is involved with the Deeper Journey materials, and he has learned that we need to be persistent in prayer. He reflected on some writings of Martin Luther which included "that the first thing we do in trouble is to pray. And in our prayers we must always ask, seek and knock" for God's direction. He opened our meeting with prayer.

8-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, chair pro tem

STAFF: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer) and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Stated Clerk)

AWN: Rev. Larry Doornbos, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Duane VanderBrug

8-3: Minutes:

The minutes of the Vision Team meeting of 7-15-14 stand as written.

8-4: Classis meeting of September 18, 2014, Gerry reporting:

- A. The theme will be Risky Compassion.
- B. Rev. Matt Palsrok will be president of this meeting.
- C. The classical examination for Candidate Caleb Walcott will take place at this meeting.
- D. A copy of a supervision agreement between Walcott and EverGreen is still needed.
- E. Rev. Jim Vander Schaaf, retiring chaplain from Criminal Justice Chaplaincy, will share from his experiences what he has learned about being a chaplain, and this will close the examination.
- F. Rev. Josh Van Druenen and Dee will be responsible for the credentials.
- G. The themes for the following classis meetings will be as follows: February, Daring Hospitality; May, Empowering Worship; and September, Collaborative Relationships.
- H. Classis credentials have been updated to include the following questions: What are you doing with your 10:24 Encouragement Team partner church? And What questions do you have about this classis ministry?
- I. After a presentation on spiritual issues to those dying and their families, we will close the meeting with scripture readings and songs.

8-5: Budget for 2015, Mel and Kathy reporting:

- A. Both Healthy Leaders and Student Loan Fund received increases.
- B. Funds for Value Stewards were deleted from this budget.
- C. Budget will remain the same as last year.
- D. **Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the budget changes for 2015.**

8-6: Classis examination draft proposal concerning commissioned pastors:

This agenda item was tabled to a further meeting as more discussion is needed.

8-7: Designing classis meetings:

This agenda item was tabled until Rev. Josh Van Drunen, Classis Planner, can attend a meeting.

8-8: Value Stewards provocative vision statements/essays:

The Vision Team would like to have the Vision Statements from the Value Stewards put into a small document for distribution to the delegates and also placed on the website.

8-9: Vision Team activity:

- A. Mark—resources are on the website
- B. Dave—with the assistance of Rev. Keith Doornbos will be holding an introverted church service. Topics also being considered are adoptions, foster care, sharing stories, potlucks, sermon series, hospitality Sunday.
- C. Gerry—working with Pam Steenstra at Harmony Homes, seeking to fill their needs, possibly opening a drop-in center.

8-10: Newsletter:

More information/discussion is needed before any changes are made.

8-11: Other:

- A. Rev. Adam Barton, interim pastor at First Jenison CRC is asking for a counselor as he is pursuing a two year term call to this church. Dee will contact Rev. Brian Bosscher about filling this role.
- B. The contracts of both Duane and Dee will expire at the end of September 2014.
Motion was MSC to extend both contracts for one year to expire at the end of September 2015.
- C. The Stated Clerk's report was received for information.

8-12: Closing prayer: offered by Mark

8-13: [Next meeting THURSDAY, September 25, 2014, at 1 PM \(lunch meeting\) at Trinity CRC, Marc opening devotions; Mel, closing prayer](#)

Respectfully submitted,

DeeVanHeuvelen, Administrative Assistant/Stated Clerk

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