

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of September 25, 2014, 1 PM to 3:15 PM
Transforming Lives and Communities
Trinity CRC
0-60 Port Sheldon Road, Grandville, MI 49418

9-1: For our devotions Marc shared two devotionals written by Henri Nouwen. We learned from these readings that how well we love is the most important thing in our lives. Marc then asked for God's guidance on our meeting through prayer.

9-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT:

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

STAFF: Rev. Josh Van Drunen (Classis Meeting Planner), 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. Duane VanderBrug

9-3: Provocative statements, Dee will collect these and place them together in one document for future use.

9-4: Contracts: The contracts of Duane and Dee have been extended for 1 year to September 30, 2015. The approval of the 2015 budget included this de facto.

9-5: Minutes:

The minutes of the Vision Team meeting of 8-7-14 stand approved as written.

9-6: Classis meeting of September 18, 2014, reflections, Gerry and Josh reporting:

- A. A special presentation by Rev. Bob De Vries and Ms. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge on ministering spiritually to the dying was heard at the end of the evening.
 - 1, Tied in well with the theme of Risky Compassion.
 - 2, 15-20 additional people came for the presentation.
 - 3, Maybe time of presentation could have been earlier in the day.
- B. Classical examination of Candidate Caleb Walcott.
 - 1, Is there a possibility of altering this structure?
 - 2, Can we customize the exam to fit the candidate?
 - 3, What is the point, us showing our thoughts or the candidate sharing his insights?
 - 4, When Rev. Jim Vander Schaaf, a retiring chaplain, shared some of his thoughts on this type of work with Caleb, it was a meaningful moment.

9-7: Classis meeting of February 19, 2015, some thoughts, Josh and Dave reporting:

- A. Theme will Daring Hospitality and Dave will flesh out the skeleton. Some thoughts are:
 - 1, Invite Sam Huizenga from CRHM to speak.
- B. Some questions to ask are how far can we extend our hospitality, how can we open up our communities, and what are we doing for refugees?
- C. Contact the Strategic Planning and Adaptive Change Team of the CRCNA
 - 1, Gerry will talk to Duane about inviting someone from the committee to talk at our next classis meeting in February.

- 2, Possibility is that Classis Georgetown may contribute thoughts to new structure.
 - 3, Possible meeting site could be in Trinity's basement.
- D. Maybe have a panel discussion where refugees share experiences of coming to the US, like issues of housing, work, food, transportation, and maybe share 2-3 success stories of hospitality.
- E. In our churches we need to be aware of the difference between friendship and hospitality.
- F. 10:24 questions/responses on the Credentials Reports were just a few. We will do this one more month and inform Larry of the responses.

9-8: Provocative Vision reports:

- A. Healthy Leaders/Regional Pastors**, Marc, reporting: reports will be forthcoming about the support that CG has been giving to Jamestown CRC.
- B. Collaborative Relationships**, Larry absent
- C. Empowering Worship**, Mark, reporting: Rev. Tim Holwerda has begun his work as the Prayer Coordinator for CG, and is promoting the Regional Prayer Summit on November 7-8, at Calvary CRC in Holland, MI.
- D. Daring Hospitality**, Dave reporting (see classis planning above 9-7)
- E. Risky Compassion**, Gerry reporting, just finished with classis meeting (note 9-6 above)

9-9: Budget for 2015, Mel and Kathy reporting:

- A. Financial report was accepted as presented at last week's classis meeting.
- B. Ministry Share questionnaire results:
- 1, Some churches give at the top of the suggested numbers, others are at or near the bottom.
 - 2, Suggestion was made to send thank you notes or maybe occasional personal contacts when funds come in.

9-10: Newsletter:

At our next meeting we will talk about the future of the classis newsletter.

9-11: Closing prayer: offered by Mel

9-12: Next meeting THURSDAY, October 30, 2014 at 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at Georgetown CRC Gerry opening devotions; Dave, closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

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