

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of September 8, 2016, 12:30 PM to 2:10 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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9-1: Gerry's turn at devotions was sharing some words from I Corinthians 1. He mentioned that the Renewal Lab that many churches are going through, is giving pastors permission to do their work. Some other denominations have bishops to guide, but maybe there is something to learn from them. We need to give pastors in our churches encouragement. His opening prayer included giving thanks for the day and for the encouragement from Paul and from you, God.

9-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Larry Doornbos, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen

AWN: Rev. Dave Jolman

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

9-3: The Vision Team minutes of August 23, 2016, are accepted as written.

9-4: Upcoming classical exam, Mark reporting:

A meeting was held at Signature's with Rev. Brian Bosscher (Cody's pastor), Seminarian Cody Zuiderveen, Rev. David Koll (Office of Candidacy), and Mark, serving as Synodical Deputy. A classical exam has been scheduled for June 15, 2017, which will also be the date of the spring Classis meeting. With some guidance, Cody will select his assigned preaching text before he leaves to work in Haiti before his graduation. Mark will also find sermon critics for Cody's exam. Cody will have his classis sermon critique in either November or December 2016.

9-5: Information about the Faith Formation Ministries youth ministry project was tabled until next month.

9-6: Financial Report, Mel reporting:

The Student Loan Fund will change the numbers of cash on hand, especially in January, when the approved new budget takes effect. The financial report was accepted as written.

9-7: September 15, Classis meeting:

Gerry and Len will do a presentation on a possible classis wide project. Some thoughts for discussion are as follows:

- A. Moving from what can be done as 1 church to a classis wide project
 - B. Many churches already do building projects
 - C. What type of building projects have you already been doing abroad and what can we do here together?
 - D. What kind of challenges will your church handle?
 - E. It is important to use all five values.
 - F. Is this what God is calling us to do?

- G. Each table/group needs to have a reporter, a chairman and a Value Steward.
- H. February 2017 classis meeting is roll-out time for Habitat Project.

9-8: Friendship Chapel:

Rev. Josh Benton, Friendship Chapel; Rev. Bob Huisman, Regional Pastor; Gerry and Larry met recently to create a plan to address the needs at Friendship. Some suggestions are:

- A. Worship with another congregation for 4-6 months, called nesting and resting.
- B. Create a more disciple congregation.
- C. Classis can help with funding.
- D. Present group will hold weekly or bi-weekly meetings.
- E. Pastor Josh will continue with additional training/classes.

9-9: 10:24, where are we at:

Some type of ministry of this kind is very helpful.
Need to use resources we already have on hand.

9-10: Other:

Need to have interviewing finished for restructured jobs by October VT meeting.

9-11: Larry closed the meeting with prayer.

**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**

Classis meetings for 2017:

**February 16
June 15
September 21**

Respectfully submitted,
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