

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Minutes of January 19, 2017, 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM**  
*Transforming Lives and Communities*  
**Georgetown CRC, 6475 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

**1-1:** Dave led us in devotions by sharing a few words from Philip Yancey's book, *Grace Notes*. He reminded us that we are part of a community and share gifts, abilities and passions and opened with prayer.

**1-2: Vision Team:**

**Roll Call, PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen

**STAFF:** Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer), Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk)

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Rev. Larry Doornbos

**1-3:** The Vision Team minutes of December 15, 2016 (written by Dee), the Financial report (written by Mel), and the Stated Clerk report (written by Glenda) are all accepted as written.

**1-4: February 9, 2017 Classis Meeting**

**A. Retirement Recognition:** Official invitations will be sent to Duane and Dee (and their spouses). We will invite them to come for the dinner hour. They will be recognized and thanked for their years of service to Classis Georgetown. Glenda will contact Dave DenHaan to discuss logistics.

**B. Habitat for Humanity presentation:** Jim has been in contact with Don Wilkinson, executive director of Lakeshore HFM. Don will make a presentation at the meeting. The project will require a vote of affirmation from delegates.

**C. Vision Team report:** Gerry has the written report. It will be included in information sent to churches for the February 9 meeting.

**1-5: First Jenison report:**

All funds from the sale of the church have been dispersed. The enfolding of First Jenison and Baldwin Street is going well.

**1-6: Jim's contact with Geoff VanderMolen from CTS**

CTS has shifted requirements for candidacy (more diversity of internships, etc.). Jim will encourage Geoff to communicate with churches individually before coming to a Classis Meeting.

**1-7: Jim's meeting with Rev. Josh Van Drunen; re: Ministry Shares**

Jim reported that he had a good meeting and conversation with Josh. It is good to make ministry Shares a priority in our churches. With deacons now present at classis meetings, there is a direct ear for financial matters.

**1-8: Hebrews 10:24 pairings**

This began in 2012 and has run its course. Jim is now the contact with Georgetown Classis churches. We see the Habitat for Humanity project as an entry point of conversation for him with the churches.

**1-9: Assistant Stated Clerk position:**

Glenda will give some thought to persons she knows who could fill this position.

**1-10: Vision Team Retreat**

Consensus is to have a retreat in late August 2017 to set vision and goals for Classis meetings in 2018. Marc N. has a connection for a meeting site.

**1-11: Clergy Mental Health**

Marc N. shared results of meeting he had. It's important to have trusted leadership persons from their own congregations available for struggling pastors.

**1-12: Requests for agenda time at Classis; Bonnie Nicholas - Safe Church**

A lot of requests are received for "air-time" at Classis Meetings. Consensus is to invite those with requests to Vision Team meeting before giving them time at Classis. They are always welcome to come to Classis and mingle and set up a table with information.

**1-13: Churches in Classis Georgetown**

Verbal reports on happenings in respective churches. Friendship Chapel needs prayer as it makes decisions about its future.

**1-14: Fall Classis Meeting**

There has been discussion of moving the September meeting to October. This will be discussed at our February 2 meeting.

**1-15 Candidacy recommendations:**

CTS is requiring candidates to have recommendations at a Classical level. Our Student Fund team is not in a position to complete these recommendations. Discussion on how to achieve this needs to continue at future VT meetings.

**1-16 Diversity presentation**

This is set for March 24 and 25 at Trinity CRC.

**1-17: Value Stewards**

Dave and Gerry reviewed the grants. A verbal report was given and information was sent it.

**1-18: Jim Roskam** closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Tebben*

Stated Clerk  
Classis Georgetown

**PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES:**

**Thursday, February 2, 2017, 12:30 PM, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Gerry, opening, Larry, closing**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017, 12:30 PM, Georgetown CRC,  
Marc N., opening, Mark B., closing**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017, 12:30 PM, Trinity CRC,  
Larry, opening, Dave, closing**

