

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Minutes of November 12, 2015, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**EverGreen Ministries**  
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**11-1:** Psalm 100 was the scripture that Larry chose for his devotions. He explained how the theme "Choose Gratitude" is being used by EverGreen for the Thanksgiving season. We were then asked to go out into the fellowship area and write on large letters of "CHOOSE GRATITUDE" what we were thankful for. He then opened our meeting with prayer.

**11-2: Vision Team:**

**Roll Call, PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:** Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer) and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Stated Clerk)

**11-3: The minutes of October 22, 2015, stand as written.**

**11-4: Financial report, Mel reporting:**

Mel passed out some small change, dollar bills, and a credit card to symbolize our budget and the allocation of funds. Churches usually give about 75% of what is asked for, and two larger churches have lost a considerable number of members so this means that what is collected is a sizable amount less. Now our reserves are beginning to shrink.

**Since a considerable amount of funds are needed for expenses soon after the beginning of 2016, a motion was made to move all monies over \$100,000 from the Restricted Fund to the General Fund, as of today, to keep the classis bank account solvent. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.**

**11-5: Classical exam meeting of October 29, 2015:**

Several VT members reported that the meeting went very well and that the Synodical Deputies did an excellent job, as did the examiners.

**11-6: Classis President for 2016, Duane reporting:**

Rev. Len Kuyvenhoven has been asked to fill this position. He is very interested in serving classis in this way, but needs some time to deal with ongoing family issues, and will not be able to take on these duties at this time. Dee will ask Dave DH if he is interested in filling in as President of the February classis for one more time

**11-7: Classis Meeting of February 18, 2016, Larry reporting:**

Some of the things that were decided are listed below:

- the theme for the meeting will be based on Ephesians 4
- the location has been changed from Camp Geneva to EverGreen Ministries
- the time will be from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- need to be intentional in casting the vision for both elders and deacons
- **motion was MSC to have a team plan a video promoting this meeting**

- more promotional information will be sent to councils

**11-8: Culture concern:**

**A. Healthy leaders, Marc reporting:**

1. He would like to have a licensed therapist head up the Safe Church part of our ministry, primarily for legal reasons. This was tabled until our next meeting.
2. He informed us of a classis wide calendar that is now on our website.

**B. Empowering Worship, Mark reporting:**

He informed us that the information about the annual Calvin Worship Symposium is now available.

**C. Daring Hospitality, Dave reporting:**

1. Hillcrest CRC has been working on the safe family project.
2. Dave has been working on some hospitality things with the youth leader at Messiah CRC, Fig Vander Molen.

**D. Risky compassion, Gerry reporting:**

1. Georgetown Harmony Homes is moving forward with plans for another home.
2. Preferred Employment is now working with residents that formerly worked at Kandu.
3. GHH are looking for area churches that will host lunches for the residents.
4. Gerry is available for any churches interested in doing the blanket exercises.

**E. Collaborative Relationships, Larry reporting:**

Both the 10:24 program and receiving members through evangelism need more study.

**11-9:** Mark closed our meeting with prayer.

**Next meeting dates:**

**THURSDAY, December 10, 2015, 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at Georgetown CRC, Mark opening; Kathy closing**

**TUESDAY, January 12, 2016, 1:15 PM at EverGreen, Marc opening, Gerry closing (please note the time and the day are different than usual)**

Respectfully submitted,  
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