

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of February 15, 2016, 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

EverGreen Ministries

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2-1: Gerry read some verses from I Corinthians chapters 1-3, where it speaks about how the people were busy with self-promotion. He mentioned that people look for what will turn the church around. The Renewal Lab shows us that the solution is not complicated, but rather simple. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit. Something so simple can transform lives. We need to ignore all the “gardening tools” in our lives and be just the “garden hoses.” He then led us in opening prayer.

2-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT:

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

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

Roll Call, ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

MEMBERS: Rev. Dave Jolman

STAFF: Mrs. Tricia Bosma, Alternate Stated Clerk

2-3: The minutes of January 25, 2016, stand as written.

2-4: Report from Rev. Adam Barton, pastor of First Jenison CRC:

A. Important events from the past:

1. Church has been ministering for 140 years
2. Church has birthed several daughter churches

B. Important events in the present

1. Rev. Carl Kammeraad, retired CRC pastor, has been a great source of counsel.
2. Would like to have clear communication with classis as this closing involves all of us.
3. They have formed 4 committees to deal with the closing; Worship and Celebration, Historical and Archives, Legal and Administrative, and Legacy and Assets.
4. Significant things are happening right now, and Rev. Brian Bosscher, counselor, will share them at the Classis Meeting on Thursday.

C. Important events in the future:

1. May 15 will be the last time they host the 6 Jenison churches worship service.
2. They are considering joining with Hillcrest, 12th Avenue, or Baldwin St.
3. They are planning their last worship service as a congregation on June 26.
4. Pastoral care is the most important part of the process.

D. Mark offered prayer for the First Jenison congregation, Adam, and Classis Georgetown.

E. Larry will ask Rev. Joel Boot if he will act as liaison between First Jenison and Classis Georgetown.

2-5: February 18, 2016, Classis meeting, Larry reporting:

- All set for the Thursday meeting
- Discussions will be about what elders and deacons do now and learning what they are called to do.
- Voting for delegates will be more complicated, so Gerry as President will have the power to set this up.
- Larry will talk to Dr. Steve Timmerman's about Forest Grove's overture about study committee condensed reports. This item has been referred to the May meeting.

2-6: Classis, it's core, Duane reporting:

A. The core of classis

1. We need to determine what is at the core of our work and what is flexible about the outer edges.
2. We need to determine our calling.
3. We need to determine what we should be planning with a definite direction.
4. We need to determine what impact we have been in Classis, whether we have notable accomplishments, and where GOD IS LEADING CLASSIS.
5. We will spend the first part of our next meeting discussing these topics.

2-7: Treasurer's Report: Mel reporting:

The denomination has asked for the total amount of the budgets from all of our classis churches. They will not know the budget amounts from each individual church.

2-8: Larry Doornbos closed our meeting with prayer.

Next meeting dates:

Thursday, March 24, 12:30 PM at Georgetown CRC, Panera lunch, Marc, opening; Kathy closing

APRIL tbd.

Respectfully submitted,
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 Classis Georgetown VT