

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of November 17, 2016, 12:30 PM to 2:50 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Trinity CRC

0-60 Port Sheldon Road, Grandville, MI 49418

11-1: Larry led us in devotions by sharing a few verses from Proverbs 11. He reminded us of how we share in God's gifts, and when we share in God's work, that brings us together. He opened 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: Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), and Ms. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant)

AWN: Mel Vander Bie

11-3: The Vision Team welcomes Mr. Jim Roskam, the newly appointed Classis Coordinator.

11-4: The Vision Team minutes of October 18, 2016, are accepted as written.

11-5: Financial Report:

After a short discussion, the financial report was accepted as written.

11-6: The report of the Stated Clerk was accepted as written.

11-7: Information about the Faith Formation Ministries youth ministry project was tabled until next month.

11- 8: February 9, Classis meeting:

- A. The focus will be on the introduction of the Habitat for Humanity project. Larry has been in contact with the director of Habitat of Humanity. They are requesting that we locate 2-3 potential families for a new home. They will do the vetting of these families.
- B. Gerry and Dee will work on a memo to be sent to the churches asking for referrals of potential families.
- C. A plan is being considered to combine the presentations of Laura Keeley, of Faith Formation Ministries, and Kate Kooyman, of OSJ, possibly at a pastor's lunch.

11-9: May classis meeting:

- A. The theme will be discipleship.
- B. **The Classis meeting that had been changed to June 15 will now revert back to May 18, 2017.**
- C. A lunch meeting for a Classis Contracta will be held on June 15, 2017, at Hillcrest.

11-10: Appreciation for those finishing terms on the Vision Team:

Suggestion was made to honor Duane and Dee at dinner at the February classis meeting. Rev. Dave Den Haan, Classis Planner, will be asked to work out the plans.

11-11: Update on Friendship Chapel:

- A. Twenty eight members of Friendship Chapel voted to “nest” with EverGreen for the next several months.
- B. There has been interest from several other families about helping with a restart.
- C. Amy Schenkel, from the CRCNA office is available to help as needed.

11-12: Grant interim reports:

Value stewards Dave and Gerry will review the returned grants and report to the next VT meeting in December.

11-13: Jim’s beginning duties:

Jim will begin his work by checking out the pairings of churches for 10:24, finding out what our churches are doing, and determining how to engage our churches at each classis meeting.

11-14: Other:

- A. Glenda Tebben is the newly selected Stated Clerk. She will begin her duties on December 1, 2016, and begin attending the VT meetings on December 15.
- B. Marc will check with Glenda as to her availability to attend a SC conference in Florida.
- C. Rev. Don Van Slyke, formerly from the Hudsonville Reformed Church, is the new Interim pastor at Baldwin Street CRC.
- D. There is the possibility of having a seminar on Cultural Diversity in May. Gerry will bring more details to our next meeting.
- E. **Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Mr. Jim Roskam for the position of Point Person for the major projects of classis. Motion was MSC.**

11-15: Gerry closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee VanHeuvelen
Admin. Ass’t./Stated Clerk,
Classis Georgetown VT

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES:

**Thursday, December 15, 2016, 12:30 PM, Georgetown CRC,
Mark opening, Kathy closing**

**Thursday, January 19, 2017, 12:30 PM, 1st Hudsonville, Dave,
opening, Mark, closing**

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

**Classis meetings for 2017: February 9 (new date), May 18 (reverted back)
June 15 Classis Contracta, September 21**