

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of July 14, 2015, 12:30 PM to 2:50 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC

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7-1: Gerry based his opening words on Luke 7:29-35. In these verses it tells about John's baptism, which is one of repentance. The gospel that Jesus brings is one of forgiveness of sins, which is counter culture to the churches today. He then opened with prayer including for a new freshness of the gospel.

7-2: 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 Cle

7-3: The minutes of June 9, 2015, stand as written.

7-4: Classis Georgetown meeting of September 17, 2015, Larry reporting:

- Meeting begins at 3:30 PM with worship time.
- From 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM will be classiscal exam of Candidate Rich Visser, called as Family Based Ministry Director at Ridgewood.
- Dinner from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Classis business will be from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
- From 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM will be a visit from Dr. Steve Timmermans if available.
- Synodical reports from delegates need to be included somewhere on the agenda.
- Location is being worked on by Larry, possibly Ridgewood CRC.

7-5: Culture Concerns:

- A. Discussion about Collaborative Relationships asked whether we want this to be an aspirational value or a realized value.
- B. The process of including deacon's in classis meetings is complicated.
- C. Collaborative Relationships is the foundational value of all values.
- D. CR serves the kingdom, other values serve others.
- E. There has to be time for this conversation about CR.
- F. Item to be considered is to hold our February 18, 2016 meeting at Camp Geneva in order to allow time for discussion on some major topics, including goal setting for the VT, job evaluations, and Collaborative Relationships. This meeting would be from approximately 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Dee will check with Camp Geneva.

7-6: Financial grant request from Calvin Theological Seminary (Church Renewal Lab):

The Church Renewal Lab, under the signature of Rev. Keith Doornbos, Director, is requesting a financial gift due to the large number of our classis churches (9) participating in this program.

The following proposal was made by Marc. **Proposal: That we bring this to Classis Georgetown at their September 17, 2015, meeting, as a grant proposal to support Calvin Seminary's Church Renewal Lab in the amount of \$5,000 per year for two years, with the understanding that in two years there is a renewal or reapplication of the grant. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.**

7-7: Budget for 2016, Mel reporting:

The budget for 2016 was presented by Mel, and after discussion and some minor changes, was approved in concept. Mel will present an updated budget at our August 25 VT meeting.

7-8: Student Fund Committee:

- A. Marc will edit the Student Loan Fund updates and send it back to them for their approval.
- B. Also, there have been some changes in the list of students and numbers for their grants, so an updated report follows:

Chris Bouma, f/t at CTS	\$5,750
Jessica LaMer, f/t at Western	3,000
Steve Mann, f/t at Western	3,000
Cory Nederveld, p/t at CTS	2,250
Greg VandrHorn, p/t at CTS	2,250
Christa Schout, CTS	2,000
Cody Zuiderveen, GCTS (last year at CTS)	<u>4,375</u>
TOTAL	\$22,625

- C. **Motion was MSC to approve the funding of the Student Fund Committee.**

7-9: Discipleship Training Project, Dave reporting:

Dave Jolman and Dave Den Haan are planning to attend the Discipleship Training Project through the Church Renewal Lab. They have each applied for a grant of \$750 and will each receive \$1,500 from classis.

7-10: Received for information:

Unity Christian High School will be hosting an evening worship service and open house at their new facilities on 48th Avenue in Hudsonville on September 27, at 4 PM.

7-11: Stated Clerk's report, Dee reporting:

No additional information was provided, so the report as received is approved.

7-12: Financial report, Mel reporting:

No additional information was provided, so the report as received is approved.

7-13: Mel closed our meeting.

Next meeting dates:

TUESDAY, August 25, 2015, 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at Trinity, Dave, opening; Larry closing prayer

THURSDAY, September 10, 2015, 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at First Hudsonville, Mel opening; Marc closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, *DeeVanHeuvelen*

Admin. Ass't./Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown VT