

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of May 21, 2019 ~ 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC, 6475 ~ 40th Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426

5-1 Marc Nelesen shared a brief synopsis of a new book he's read, *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks. The book resonates with Marc as he realizes that through life's valleys and crises, living in a Christian community is what is important. Marc opens the meeting with prayer.

5-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call, PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Rev. Susan LaClear, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Matthew Slack, Rev. Josh VanDrunen

STAFF: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer), Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator),

Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

GUEST: Rev. Gerry Koning, chair of May 30 Classis meeting

Roll Call, ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

MEMBER: Rev. Mark Bennink

5-3 April Vision Team Meeting Minutes

Minutes are accepted as written.

5-4 Financial Report from Mel

A. Finances continue to be in good shape. Funds continue to come in.

B. At the May 30 Classis Meeting an \$80,000 check will be given to Alive in Grandville as they begin their work and ministry. The chairperson will present the check during the Treasurer's report.

5-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

A. Action Item: A date must be set for the examination for Gale Tien, newly called Pastor of Discipleship at Messiah CRC. Josh VanDrunen will confirm a date with Nate Meldrim.

B. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written

5-6 Upcoming Classis Meetings

A. May 23 Agenda reviewed:

1. Josh VanDrunen will serve as chair.

2. The Stated Clerk will correspond with the Oversight Committee, asking their thoughts on how they would like to present and distribute their report and a letter from Rev. Josh Benton.

3. Anyone who would like to join in prayer for the meeting is welcome to arrive at Patmos Library by 11:30 AM.

B. May 30 Agenda reviewed:

1. Gerry Koning will serve as chair

2. Before dinner we will complete the regular work of classis and proceed with the examination of Ms. Carrie Rodgers. After dinner, Marc Nelesen will introduce Chris DeVos of "Colossian Way" who will give a presentation around the theme of *engaging our differences in a Christlike way*.

5-7 Executive Team Minutes

- A. Minutes of May 20 meeting are reviewed. Jim highlighted a few points:
1. Beginning at our Fall meeting, we will invite churches to share a ministry or a local passion important to them. This will align with our value of collaboration, as well as support local churches and allow for all churches to hear about good news in our classis and churches.
 2. We will continue to look at different ways to expand the deaconate ministries in our classis.
 3. A Safe Church Team chairperson is needed. One name has been suggested. Jim will follow-up.
 4. Jim has been involved in conversations with Habitat personnel and Cottonwood church to try to overcome recent obstacles with the project.

5-8 Regional Pastors

Marc will have a written report ready for the May 30 Classis Meeting.

5-9 Time to Connect about ourselves and our churches

- A. Classis Staff review: Marc Nelesen presents a proposed classis staff member review process. This will be followed-up at our next meeting.

5-10 Kathy Jelsema closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team:

- **Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC**
Susan opening; Matthew closing
- **Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC**
Matthew opening; Jim closing
- **Thursday, August 22 – Vision Team Retreat (Time: 9 AM – 2 PM)**
at OAR Conference center room in Holland

Classis Meetings:

- **Thursday, May 23, 2019 – Patmos Library – 12 noon**
- **Thursday, May 30, 2019 – Alive Ministries – 4:00 PM**