

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of October 8, 2020 12:00 PM to 1:20 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC - 6475 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

10-1 Jim Roskam shares words from Colin Watson concerning church leadership in the time of a pandemic. Matthew Slack opened in prayer.

10-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call

MEMBERS (present): Rev. Susan LaClear (via ZOOM), Rev. Nate Meldrim,
Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Matthew Slack

MEMBER (absent with notice): Rev. Len Kuyvenhoven

STAFF (present): Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer),
Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator), Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk),
Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

10-3 Motion MSC to approve the minutes of the September 17 Vision Team meeting.

10-4 Financial Report

- A. Cash balance is a low but Mel is starting to see some funds coming in.
- B. There is still money available for Habitat for Humanity. Mel will send it to them.

10-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

- A. Our Safe Church coordinator, Juliana Clink, has put together a newsletter and has shared the safe church goals for the coming year. The newsletter will be sent to our churches.
- B. COD nominees are Jeanne Kallemeyn, Glenda Tebben, and Bernie Van Der Klok, Brief bios will be sent along with the classis agenda.
- C. Fairway CRC has requested classis to approve the use of church order Article 24(b) to call Jeremy Rhodes to become a Commissioned Pastor for a term of three years. This will allow him time to complete the EPMC training within a three-year timeframe. Fairway also requests that Classis Georgetown grant permission for Jeremy Rhodes to serve as stated supply until he can be examined by Classis Georgetown to become a commissioned pastor. Both requests have been added to the classis agenda. Glenda will ask Gerry Koning to speak to this issue at the meeting.
- D. Cottonwood Church has written a letter to Neland CRC concerning Neland's decision to install, as a deacon, a member in a same-sex marriage. This letter was shared with the Vision Team and will be brought to the classis meeting (via the Stated Clerk report) as information. Cottonwood will be encouraged to wait for a response to their letter.
- E. MSC to appoint Rev. Marc Nelesen as counselor for Hillcrest CRC as they are in the process of extending a call to an ordained CRC pastor to serve as Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Leadership.

10-6 October 20, 2020 Classis Meeting

- A. The meeting agenda was reviewed.
- B. Request from Fairway CRC has been added.

- C. Glenda, Nate, and Jim will meet to go over the agenda before the October 20 meeting.

10-7 Regional Pastors Report – Marc N.

- A. Connie DenHaan is reenergized and has reengaged spouses of pastors. MSC to add Connie to the payroll again.
- B. There is a need for all to be cognizant of what pastors are going through during the pandemic. It is not an easy time for those involved in ministry.

10-8 Review of Classis Calendar

- A. Classis is scheduled to meet on February 11, 2021.
 - Glenda will look into a meeting location.
 - Our meeting could involve a panel discussion with various committee leaders (Safe Church, Youth Champion, Disability Concerns, etc.) or we could reinvite Rev. Reggie Smith to speak (he was scheduled for May 2020).

10-9 Vision Team members

Len has decided to step down as a member of the Vision Team. We are thankful for the wisdom he brought to this group. The team considers how best to replace Len. Mark will ask Curt W. if he is willing to join the Vision Team.

10-10 Time to Connect about ourselves and our churches

- A. Prayer is requested for Rev. Terry Scholten's father-in-law who is dying of Covid.

10-11 Kathy Jelsema closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team:

- Thursday, November 19, Georgetown CRC, Susan opening, Jim closing
- Thursday, December 17, Georgetown CRC, Marc opening; Glenda, closing

Classis Meetings:

- October 20, 2020 – Post Family Farm
- February 11, 2021
- May 20, 2021