

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of May 13, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

5-1 In honor of Ascension Day, Nate Meldrim reads verses from Isaiah 55 and also from the Contemporary Testimony. Nate opens with prayer.

5-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Sam Krikke, Rev. Nate Meldrim, Rev. Marc Nelesen,
Rev. Matthew Slack

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

STAFF ABSENT (with notice): Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Ass't Treasurer)

5-3 Review of Minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of April 15.

5-4 Financial Report

- A. Mel reports that funds are coming in at a steady rate. They are slightly reduced as compared to previous years. A question to consider: What is the role of the Vision Team in encouraging our churches to make Ministry Shares a priority? Nate will touch on this at the Classis meeting.
- B. Mel will share a 2020 year-end financial review at the May 20 Classis Meeting.
- C. We have not received a great deal of interest income on the money in our account. Mel and Jim are tasked with exploring ideas of how to be wise stewards of our funds. They will bring a proposal to the Vision Team.
- D. We will continue to encourage churches to apply for need-based grants for new initiatives in their churches.
- E. Student Fund requests for the 2021-2022 school year will be approved at the May 20 Classis Meeting.

5-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

- A. Calendar items for June and July (staff interviews) will be addressed at our June meeting.
- B. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

5-6 May 20 Classis Meeting

- A. The agenda is reviewed. Glenda and Nate will meet before the scheduled meeting to go over the fine details.
- B. All materials needed for the examination of Jeremy Rhodes have been received.

5-7 Classical Guidelines for Article 17 Severance Agreements

- A. Marc Nelesen shares a revised document of guidelines to assist pastors, churches, and Classis Georgetown when an Article 17 is requested.
- B. Motion is MSC to approve the document as written with the understanding that it is amendable and editable when Article 17 severance agreements come up between classis, pastors, and churches.

- C. The guidelines will be presented at the May 20 Classis Meeting.
- D. Marc and Jim will attend a June 9 Zoom meeting regarding Article 17, hosted by PRC).

5-8 Preparing to Lead Classis Meetings

- A. Nate and Jim attended an April 28 Zoom meeting sponsored by PCR.
- B. The meeting provided good insight and wisdom for chairpersons.
- C. It is important to note that chairpersons are part of a team and are not leading alone.

5-9 Our Journey 2025 Classis Devotional

- A. Larry Doornbos requests this 45-minute devotional be part of an upcoming classis meeting.
- B. Before this becomes part of a future classis meeting, the Vision Team should review it at one of the VT meetings.
- C. Jim will reply to Larry.

5-10 The Vision Team report for the May classis meeting is received for information.

5-11 Regional Pastors report

Our regional pastors continue to offer support for pastors and congregations.

5-12 Council of Delegates Update

- A. The COD met the week of May 4. Jim shared a few highlights of the meeting:
 - Bethany Christian Services has been removed from the list of approved giving causes.
 - Prayers are needed for missionaries in India and Russia; many are sick with Covid and are not deemed essential to receive the vaccine. They are hoping to come to the USA for furlough.
- B. Jim's final meeting as our representative will be the first week of June. We thank him for his work on our behalf. Jeanne Kallemeyn will take over as our Classis representative in July.

5-13 Connect about ourselves and our churches

5-14 Jim Roskam closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team (meeting at Georgetown CRC):

- **Thursday, June 17 at 12 NOON**
Matthew opening; Mel closing
- **Thursday, July 15 at 12 NOON**
Sam opening; Glenda closing

- **VISION TEAM RETREAT** - Thursday, August 19 at 9:30 AM
- Thursday, September 16 at 12 NOON
Marc opening; Kathy closing

Classis Meeting:

May 20, 2021 – Post Family Farm