

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of November 18, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Transforming Lives and Communities
Georgetown CRC - 6475 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

11-1 Matthew Slack opened our meeting with prayer.

11-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Ass't Treasurer), Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator),
Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

11-3 Review of Minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of October 7.

11-4 Financial Report

- A. Things continue to look good and we are grateful that churches are giving.
- B. Gets reports on invested money.
- C. Churches reporting back – 4/17 have sent in data.

11-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

- A. Classis will meet on Thursday, February 24. Agenda items, overtures to Synod, and names of potential delegates to Synod are due by Monday, January 31, 2022. An email will be sent to pastors and church councils in early January reminding them of this date.
- B. Glenda will follow-up with persons who were suggested as nomination for the the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee?
- C. Upcoming Vision Team meeting dates:
 - Thursday, December 16 at 12 NOON
 - Thursday, February 3 at 12 NOON
 - Thursday, March 17 at 12 NOON
 - Thursday, April 26 at 12 NOON

11-6 Classical Counselors Packet

A. Tabled until our next meeting

11-7 Bauer CRC

- A. The congregation of Bauer CRC has extended a call to Mr. Rob Gruessing to serve as their part-time Pastor of Congregational Care.
- B. Sam Krikke will serve as the Church Counselor and sign the letter of call.
- C. We hope to have the classical examination for Mr. Gruessing at our February 24 Classis Meeting.

11-8 Book Discussion

Juliana Clink purchased and distributed copies of "A Church Called Tov".

11-9 Youth Champion/Safe Church Representatives

- A. We will invite Mr. Fig VanderMolen and Mrs. Juliana Clink to our December Vision Team meeting to give a brief report on their work this past year (progress, challenges, ways we can help their ministry, etc.).
- B. Glenda will issue the invitation, asking them to join us for lunch and devotions. Their reports will be the first items on the agenda.

11-10 Clergy Retreat

- A. Marc reports on preliminary plans for a Clergy Retreat to be held in March 2022. They hope to design this as “purposeful escape” for pastors; approximately 2-2½ hours away.
- B. The Vision Team approves the Clergy Retreat.

11-11 Regional Pastors

- A. Marc Nelesen and Dave Jolman serve as pastors to our pastors.
- B. Marc reports on the relationship our Classis has with Pine Rest. The utilization of this church assistance program is at a record high.

11-12 Habitat Update

- A. Jim reports on the November 9 open house at Terra Square. Classis Georgetown endorsed this project.
- B. This project will happen in 2022; they are now looking for interested parties to live there. It will be community-based; residents must live in area now.
- C. Money continues to come in from the churches in our classis.

11-13 May 19 Classis meeting

Team members are encouraged to consider ideas for this meeting.

11-14 Connect about ourselves and our churches

- A. Ridgewood has established a pastor search team.
- B. The Specialized Transitional Ministers in our classis are much appreciated.
- C. Nate invites all to Messiah CRC’s Candlelight Service on December 26 at 5 PM.

11-15 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, December 16 at 12 NOON**
Sam opening; Glenda closing
- **Thursday, February 3 at 12 NOON**
Nate opening; Mel closing
- **Thursday, March 17 at 12 NOON**
Marc opening; Kathy closing

- Thursday, April 26 at 12 NOON
Cindy opening; Jim closing

Classis Meetings:

- February 24, 2022
- May 19, 2022