

# CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of April 28, 2022 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

4-1 Cindy Holtrop opened our meeting with prayer.

## 4-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT with notice:** 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)

## 4-3 Review of Minutes of the March 17 meeting

Motion is MSC to approve minutes of March 17.

## 4-4 Financial Report

A. We have a healthy cash balance. Our churches are faithful, for which we give thanks.

## 4-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.

B. A Youth Champions' retreat will be held in San Diego from May 24-26. Fig VanderMolen will be attending. Each classis is asked to invest \$400.00 towards the cost of sending a Champion to the retreat.

- **Motion is MSC to approve \$400 for the Youth Champion's retreat.**
- **Motion is MSC to allocate up to \$100 for expenses that Fig may incur while at the retreat.**

C. Ministerial credentials of Rev. Bruce Leiter have been received by Hillcrest CRC (from Lakeview CRC, Classis Iakota).

D. Vision Team makeup: Marc will contact Dave Jolman, inviting him to serve as the 6<sup>th</sup> pastor on the Vision Team.

E. Future Vision Team Meeting Dates:

- June 16, July 21, August 25 (VT Retreat), September 22

F. The Fall Classis Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27.

## 4-6 Vision Team Report for May 19 Classis meeting

The Stated Clerk report will be combined with the VT report.

## 4-7 May 19 Classis Meeting (to be held at Fairway CRC)

A. Agenda is reviewed

- The Five Values of our Classis will be reviewed.
- Classis Business will be conducted. The Student Fund report for 2022-2023 school year will be presented.
- There will be a time of prayer for Synod.

- iv. A Video from Resonate Global Mission about Strong Towers Ministries will be shown.
- v. No speaker during the dinner hour. The clerk will contact Mr. Jim Steenbergen from Sunset to rescind the invitation previously given. It is noted that all who speak at our meetings must be vetted to ensure their presentations align with the five values of our classis.
- vi. There will be a Colloquium Doctum for Rev. Jeremy Rhoades of Fairway CRC. The agenda will explain the process Jeremy has taken to come to this point: Article 6 in May 2021 and Article 8 this May.

**4-8 Clergy Retreat**

Not being planned at this time.

**4-9 Classical Counselors Packet**

Tabled

**4-10 Vacant Churches Update**

- A. Evergreen: Rev. Brandon Smith (RCA) will be installed on Sunday, June 5. The Vision Team received an invitation for classis representation. Unfortunately, no one is able to attend that morning. Marc will respond, thanking Evergreen for the invitation.
- B. Zutphen is in conversation with a seminarian who will graduate in May. He must be approved as a candidate by Synod before a call can be extended. If he accepts the call, a summer Classis meeting will be held to conduct an examination.
- C. Georgetown's search committee is on hold.
- D. Ridgewood's search committee is now meeting.
- E. **Motion is MSC, that henceforth, the Vision Team, on behalf of Classis Georgetown, will send a bouquet of flowers and a congratulatory note to a church that is installing a new pastor.** The Stated Clerk will take care of this. Flowers will be sent to Evergreen for Rev. Smith's installation on June 5.

**4-11 Regional Pastors**

No report

**4-12 Connect about ourselves and our churches**

- A. On May 10, Habitat will be hosting a spring luncheon at Love Your Neighbor. All are invited.
- B. Time is spent sharing reasons for thanksgiving and concern in our lives and in our churches. We give thanks for collegiality and corporation in churches and in the body of Christ, acknowledging there are, at times, difficulties along the way.

**4-13** Jim Roskam leads in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

***Glenda Tebben***

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES**

**Vision Team (meeting at Georgetown CRC):**

- Thursday, June 16 at 12 NOON  
**Sam opening; Mel closing**
- Thursday, July 21 at 12 NOON  
**Matt opening; Glenda closing**
- Vision Team Retreat: Thursday, August 25 at 9:00 AM  
**Marc opening; Kathy closing**
- Thursday, September 22 at 12 NOON  
**Nate opening; Jim closing**

**Classis Meetings:**

- May 19, 2022, at Fairway CRC
- October 27 – time and location TBD