

# CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of November 10, 2022 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:55 PM

## Transforming Lives and Communities

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

11-1 Jim Roskam opens our meeting with prayer.

### 11-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT without notice:** Rev. Cindy Holtrop

**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 13 meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of our October 13 meeting.

### 11-4 Financial Report

A. Things continue to look good; giving remains steady. Most bills have been paid for 2022.

B. Ministry share pledges and member counts are slowly coming in.

### 11-5 Stated Clerk's Report

A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.

B. Credentials for Classis Meetings should be received 72 hours ahead of the meeting.

C. February 16 Classis Meeting details:

- Consider Overtures (if any): The Clerk will send an email, on behalf of the Vision Team, regarding timeline for overtures.
- Synodical delegates must be selected
- Synodical deputy appointments (both Jeff Scripps and Jerry VanGroningen will complete one three-year term in 2023). The Clerk will ask if they would be willing to serve a second term.
- Theme of meeting? Suggestions include inviting:
  - Rev. Reggie Smith (Director for Diversity, CRCNA)
  - Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen (director of Safe Church Ministry, CRCNA)
  - Neil Carlson from the center for social research at Calvin University, to speak about trends in the CRC

D. Code of Conduct: The clerk will send responses that have been received to the office of Zach King (as requested).

E. Rev. Tom Pettinga is serving Ridgewood as interim Pastor of Visitation (until Cindy Holtrop is able to resume her duties).

F. 2023 Vision Team meeting dates:

- January 19
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13

### 11-6 Review of October 27 Classis Meeting

A. Code of Conduct Discussion:

- Dave DenHaan did a great job leading the presentation.

- Many churches had engaged and discussed the Code of Conduct at a Council Level.
- B. Jeff Bolt (Ministry Shares presentation): Jeff had an extremely informative presentation that was well-received.
- C. Exam for Noelle Jacobs: Uplifting for all!

**11-7 Mentors for New Pastors**

- A. Mark Elffers: Matt Palsrok has agreed to serve as Mark's mentor and Mark has agreed to this.
- B. Noelle Jacobs: The clerk will check with Noelle asking her thoughts on having Cody Zuiderveen serve as her mentor. This will be referred to the regional pastors.

**11-8 Ministers in our Classis**

- A. Discussion on how we can encourage all pastors with credentials in the churches in our classis to become more involved in the life of our churches (chaplains, misc. ordained, retired, etc.).
- B. A list of all ministers will be sent to the churches, asking for them to review the names.

**11-9 Special projects**

- A. Team members are encouraged to continue thinking of ideas to suggest ideas for a special classis project.

**11-10 Safe Church Coordinator**

- A. Juliana Clink will be sending a final newsletter/email to all safe church representatives.
- B. The clerk will send an email to reps, asking if anyone is interested in taking on the role of coordinator.

**11-11 Disability Concerns Coordinator**

- A. Gale Tien seems very interested in this position.
- B. Lindsay Capel, director of Disability Concerns, will connect with Gale.

**11-12 Alive in Grandville**

- A. Mel reports that the building on 28<sup>th</sup> Street is up for sale.
- B. All storefronts are occupied at this time. One church has looked at the unit where Alive in Grandville met.

**11-13 Regional Pastors**

- A. Marc Nelesen shares an update on the work of the regional pastors highlighting the Pastor's Retreat which is set for November 16. It will be held at Camp Geneva. One dozen pastors will be attending

**11-14 Connect about ourselves and our churches**

- A. Time is spent sharing thanksgivings and concerns in our lives and in our churches.

**11-15** 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, December 8 at 12 NOON  
**Sam opening; Kathy closing**
- Thursday, January 19 at 12 NOON  
**Matt opening; Mel closing**
- Thursday, February 9 at 12 NOON  
**Gerry opening; Glenda closing**
- Thursday, March 9 at 12 NOON  
**Marc opening; Cindy closing**
- Thursday, April 13 at 12 NOON  
**Nate opening; Jim closing**

**Classis Meetings 2023:**

- February 16, 2023
- May 11, 2023 at Immanuel CRC
- October 26, 2023