CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of December 8, 2022 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

12-1 In this season of Advent, Sam Krikke opens our meeting by sharing the words of 1 John 1:1-4. He opens our meeting with prayer.

12-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT with notice: Rev. Cindy Holtrop, Rev. Nate Meldrim

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

12-3 Review of meeting agenda, additional items are added.

12-4 Review of Minutes of the November 10 meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of our November 10 meeting.

12-5 Financial Report

A. We are closing in on year-end and finances are looking good. The cash balance is healthy; approximately 75% of the budget is spent.
B. Over half of the Ministry share pledges and member counts are in. Both pledge numbers and member counts are down but this is to be expected.
C. There is a discussion on the church planting funds item in the budget; a good use of funds may be to bless Strong Tower Ministry. They will put together a request (with grounds), the Vision Team will bless it, and present/recommend it at our February Classis Meeting.

12-6 Stated Clerk's Report

A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.
B. Vision Team members:
    i. At present we have five value stewards (pastors) and a member-at-large. There is discussion about growing the team (perhaps add a lay person, a nontraditional pastor, or someone involved in non-parish ministry)
    ii. Marc Nelesen and Gerry Koning meet and come with ideas for the structure and process of the Vision Team, along with its purpose and function.
C. Motion is MSC to approve the transfer the ecclesiastical credentials of Rev. Susan LaClear to Monroe Community Church (Classis Grand Rapids South).
D. Cody Zuiderveen has agreed to serve as the mentor for Noelle Jacobs.

12-7 Review of upcoming February 16 Classis Meeting details

A. Hilcrest CRC will serve as host.
B. Consider Overtures: one has been received
C. Delegates to Synod must be selected
D. Quentin Schultz will be invited to give a 20-30 minute presentation. Marc Nelesen will connect with him. Motion is MSC to provide Quentin a $250 honorarium.
Note: Unfortunately, Quentin is unavailable.

12-8 Prayer Mobilizer Conference

A. Jake Porter has agreed to serve as our Classis Prayer Mobilizer and would like to attend the Prayer Mobilizer Conference in February.
B. Motion is MSC to approve up to $1250 for Jake Porter to the Prayer Mobilizer Conference in California in February.

12-9 Special projects

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

12-10 Matthew Slack, Resonate missionary

A. Matthew will serve as a missionary through Resonate. He will begin parttime on December 12.
B. Under Church Order, Article 12B, Matt must be called in the regular manner by a church. Jamestown CRC will serve as the calling church. This will be included in the agenda of our February Classis meeting.

12-11 Classis Georgetown Representatives:

A. Safe Church Ministry: Juliana Clink is connecting with church reps, hoping to find someone to take her place.
B. Disability Advocate: Gale Tien
C. Prayer Mobilizer: Jake Porter

12-12 Alive in Grandville

A. Mel continues to follow-up with the Council of Alive in Jenison regarding Alive in Grandville.

12-13 Regional Pastors

A. The Pastor's Retreat was held on November 16 at Camp Geneva. It was a good for all who attended to be with other pastors and to be away from regular church ministry for a day.
B. Dave Jolman is planning a January lunch (and maybe a book study) for pastors.

12-14 Overture to Synod

A. The overture submitted by Forest Grove CRC is read and discussed.
B. The clerk will connect with Forest Grove. The Overture can be passed on to Classis but it must include the name of the church, the date it was approved at Council. Also, an offer will be made to assist with editing the overture to help with clarity.

12-15 Connect about ourselves and our churches

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

12-16 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, 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 at Hillcrest CRC**
- **May 11, 2023 at Immanuel CRC**
- **October 26, 2023**