

Minutes of Classis Grand Rapids South

Cutlerville East Christian Reformed Church

August 22, 2019

6.30 p.m.

WE GATHER TOGETHER-

1. Arrival- Delegates put on name tags, presented their credentials, and first-time delegates signed the *Covenant for Officebearers in the Christian Reformed Church* indicating their agreement as delegates to Classis Grand Rapids South. *(All pastors, elders, & deacons also sign it upon installation as officebearers.)*

2. Roll Call- The Stated Clerk called the roll as listed on the submitted credentials:

Church	Minister	Elder(s)	Deacon
Alger Park	Stephen De Wit	Faith De Young	
Community	David Struyk	CJ Verbrugge	
Covenant	Curt Walters		Doug Ballast
Cutlerville East	Ed Visser	Mike De Jong	Todd Tubbs
Discovery	Paul Sauser	Marj Terpstra	
Ist Cutlerville		Gord Van Singel	Anne Van Singel
Hillside Community	Ron Kool	Laura Pothoven	
Ideal Park		Andy Geelhoed	Dave Thacker
inSpirit	Randy Ledeboer	Team: Roger Baas/Lisa Westra	
Kelloggsville	Martin & Amanda Benckhuysen	Jacque Bolt	Mark Oostema
LaGrave	Mike Hoozeboom	Grace Shearer	Zach Kruyf
Moline	Jim DeZeeuw	Mike De Vries	Marv De Haan
Monroe Community		John Smilde	Derek Atkins
Providence	Bob Boersma	Dan Netz	Paul Spronk
The PIER	<i>(Wayne Ondersma asked to be excused)</i>		
Wayland			

3. Declaration- Upon completion of the roll call, Classis was declared constituted. Rev. Ron Kool assumed the chair and welcomed Candidate Christopher Bouma, delegates and the delegation/representation from Ideal Park CRC, including Elizabeth, Christopher's wife.

The Synodical Deputies present were: Rev. Jerry Blom- Classis Grand Rapids North
Rev. Bryce Mensink- Classis Grandville
Rev. Al Gelder- Classis Grand Rapids East

4. Opening Devotions-Pastor Ed Visser from Cutlerville East CRC led in opening devotions.

WE CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS-

5. Examination of Candidate Christopher L. Bouma

- Andy Geelhoed from Ideal Park CRC provided an appropriate introduction
- Rev. Jim De Zeeuw conducted the **Practica** portion. Opportunity was given for further questions and a motion to proceed carried.

c. Rev. Mike Hoogeboom read and expanded upon the **Sermon Critics Report** reflecting his and Rev. Paul Sausser' attendance at the assigned sermon's preached at Ideal Park and evaluation of the two other sermons submitted as required. They moved to proceed. After opportunity for discussion the motion passed. The Synodical Deputies concurred.

d. Rev David Struyk conducted the **Biblical Theological** portion as required. Opportunity was provided for all present to ask additional questions.

e. Executive session was declared and a motion to admit candidate Christopher L. Bouma into the ministry of the Word was made. Ron Kool led in prayer and discussion followed.

The Synodical Deputies were excused to arrive at their decision while classis voted by ballot which resulted in a unanimous approval of the motion to admit the candidate.

f. Upon their return and being informed of Classis' decision, the Synodical Deputies indicated their written concurrence. (Documentation will be sent to Synodical Services.)

g. Executive session was concluded, the candidate and others present were invited to return. The decision to admit was announced and received with joy and gratitude. Congratulations were given. The stated clerk presented the Classical Diploma and a Certificate of Ordination. The delegates surrounded Chris and Elizabeth Bouma as Rev. Curt Walters led in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, concluded by singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow...."

h. Related information:

The Service of Ordination and Installation at Ideal Park CRC was set for August 25, 2019. Rev. Ed Visser will represent Classis Grand Rapids South. Regional Pastor, George Vink, in consultation with Pastor Resources and Chris Bouma will assign a mentor as required.

WE DEPART-

The chairman declared the meeting concluded and thanked the host, Cutlerville East CRC, for their hospitality.

NOTES:

Next Meetings: September 19 6:30pm Abigail De Zeeuw's Candidate Examination

(Location to be determined.)

October 17- 6.30pm @ Kelloggsville CRC- Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

George Vink, Stated Clerk

