

Minutes of Classis Grand Rapids South

Cutlerville East Christian Reformed Church

September 19, 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	Craig DeWitt	Melissa Kuiper
Community		Deb Darby	Janice Plowman
Covenant	Evan Heerema	Jamie Ballast/Henry Schenkel	
Cutlerville East	Ed Visser	Joel Teft	Brian Hagar
Discovery	Paul Sauser	Marj Terpstra	
Ist Cutlerville		Gord Van Singel/Dan Buist	
Hillside Community	Arek O'Connell		
Ideal Park	Christopher Bouma	Bill Van Eerden	
inSpirit	Myra Newman/Tim Buist/Lisa Westra(<i>Ministry Team</i>)		
Kelloggsville		Mari Kuipers	Cheri Diemer/Mark Oostema
LaGrave	Ruth Boven	Ruth Vis	Tim Walcott
Moline	Jim DeZeeuw	Chuck Tjepkema	Bryan De Groot
Monroe Community	James Boer	John Smilde	Julie Louwerse
Providence	Bob Boersma	Dan Netz	Nick Buiter
The PIER	Wayne Ondersma		
Wayland			

3. Declaration- Upon completion of the roll call, Classis was declared constituted. Ruth Boven assumed the chair and welcomed Candidate Abigail DeZeeuw, delegates and others interested.

The Synodical Deputies present were:

Rev. Jerry Blom-	Classis Grand Rapids North
Rev. Mark Bennink-	Classis Georgetown
Rev. Al Gelder-	Classis Grand Rapids East

4. Opening Devotions-Pastor James Boer from Monroe CRC led in opening devotions.

WE CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS-

5. Examination of Candidate Abigail DeZeeuw, called to serve as Chaplain at Spectrum.

- Rev. James DeZeeuw from Moline CRC provided an appropriate introduction
- Pastor Amy Schenkel conducted the **Practica** portion. Opportunity was given for further questions and a motion to proceed carried.

c. Rev. Ruth Boven read and expanded upon the **Sermon Critics Report** reflecting her and Rev. James Boer's attendance at the assigned sermon's preached at Monroe CRC 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 Bob Boersma conducted the **Biblical Theological** portion as required. Opportunity was provided for all present to ask additional questions or make comments.

e. Executive session was declared and a motion to admit Candidate Abigail DeZeeuw into the ministry of the Word was made. Ruth Boven 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 delegates surrounded Abigail DeZeeuw and her husband Jim and Amy Schenkel led in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, concluded by singing

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow...." The clerk presented the Classical Diploma.

h. Related information:

The Service of Ordination and Installation at Monroe CRC was tentatively set for Oct. 13. Classis' Regional Pastor in consultation with Pastor Resources and Abigail De Zeeuw will assign a mentor as required.

WE DEPART-

The chair had declared the meeting to be concluded with the prayer by Amy Schenkel and had thanked the host, Cutlerville East CRC, for their gracious hospitality.

Next Meetings: October 17- 6.30pm @ Kelloggsville CRC- A Regular Meeting.

It's our Budget meeting- Committees etc. urged to contact the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

George Vink, Stated Clerk

