

Minutes of Classis Grand Rapids South

Held at Providence Christian Reformed Church

October 14, 2021

6.00 p.m.

1. Arrival- Delegates put on name tags, presented their credentials and enjoyed visiting together. First-time delegates signed their agreement with the *Covenant for Officebearers in the Christian Reformed Church* on their church's credentials as requested. (All pastors, elders, & deacons have signed it upon installation as office-bearers.)

2. Opening Prayer- Chair Josh Van Drunen led in prayer.

3. Roll Call- The Stated Clerk called the role as indicated on the submitted credentials:

*Indicates the first-time delegates.

Church	Minister	Elder(s)	Deacon
Alger Park	Stephen De Wit	Jamie Reynolds	
Community		Eva Prins*	Rebecca Allard*
Covenant		Sherwin Doorn	
Cutlerville East	Ed Visser	Pete Dykema	Tristan Bryant*
Discovery	Paul Sausser	Bruce Sterenberg	Brad Huizingh*
Ist Cutlerville	Josh Van Drunen	Brenda Bosch*	Ken Lobbes*
Hillside Community	Arek O'Connell		Lucas Bates*
Ideal Park	Chris Bouma	Andy Geelhoed	Tom Blouw*
inSpirit	Randy Ledeboer		
Kelloggsville	Martin Benckhuysen	Katie VandenBerg*	Mari Kuipers
LaGrave	Bob Grussing	Paul LaGrand	Eric Bauman*
Moline		Dennis Dykstra	Stacy Kimble*
Monroe Community	Jim Boer		
Providence	Bob Boersma	Carl Franken	Ben Kloosterman*
The PIER	Wayne Ondersma		
Wayland		Tim Sterk	Jordan Gritters*

4. Declaration- Upon completion of the roll call, the chair welcomed other guests and noted the presence of George Vink, Classis' Stated Clerk.

5. Mealtime- Bob Boersma, pastor of the host church, welcomed those gathered and invited us to enjoy the meal and refreshments provided. To enhance inter-change of experiences since we last met, everyone had been encouraged to sit with others than their sending congregation.

6. Devotions- Bob Boersma, Chair of the Prayer & Spiritual Growth Committee, introduced Jolene De Heer, Classis' recently-approved Prayer Coordinator. Jolene led those gathered in a time of LECTIO DIVINA, focused on Ephesians 1: 3-10, concluding it in communal prayer.

7. Table Talk- Chair Josh Van Drunen provided unusual "Get-acquainted" questions followed by others to occasion sharing of lessons learned, practices to drop or continue, good stories, and ways of supporting one another as a classis. Some shared encouraging stories or events from their table's group. The variety shared led Josh to conclude, "Our Journeys are similar."

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8. Noted-

- a. Rev. David Struyk is celebrating 35 years as pastor at Community CRC.
- b. The churches of classes are invited to Cutlerville East CRC on October 31 at 5pm for a combined evening service. CTS President, Julius Medenblik will bring the Word.

9. Business-

a. Budget- Treasurer Brenda Bosch presented and explained Classis' 2022 Budget as well as how it is assembled from a combination of ministry-shares and pledges, reflecting the changes Synod made. She noted that denominational pledges have decreased 15%. Classis GRSouth's 3.8%.

Motions were made and passed to approve the budget and the Treasurer's work.

(Copies of the budget had been emailed to the churches and were available at the meeting.)

b. Classis Interim Committee Report to Classis- Stated Clerk George Vink explained reasons for CIC's request to have a regular, full classis meeting approve their work. A final detailed "Report" had been sent to all the churches. Motions were made and passed to approve CIC's work as well as that of the stated clerk.

c. Regional Pastor- George Vink indicated his continuing work as a support for classis' pastors.

10. Closing- Chair Josh Van Drunen thanked Providence CRC for their hospitality and led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Vink, Stated Clerk

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 10, 2022 at MOLINE CRC

The meeting will include electing delegates for Synod 2022

Deadline for the March 10 Agenda: February 5, 2022