

Minutes of Classis Grand Rapids South

Wayland Christian Reformed Church

October 13, 2022

6.30 p.m.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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*. (Pastors, elders, & deacons have signed it upon installation as officebearers.)

2. Opening Prayer- Chair of the Spiritual Growth & Prayer Committee, Henry Schenkel, led in opening prayer by reading scriptures and asking grouped delegates to pray in response.

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

Church	Minister	Elder(s)	Deacon
Alger Park	Stephen De Wit	Jamie Reynolds	
Community	Dave Struyk	Eva Prins	
Covenant	Henry Schenkel	Clay Lubbers/Jennifer DeGood	
Cutlerville East	Ed Visser	Todd Burghgraef	Tristan Bryant
Discovery	Paul Sausser	Sharin Jansma	
Ist Cutlerville	Josh Van Drunen	Brenda Bosch	Dave Bosch
Hillside Community	Ron Kool		
Ideal Park	Chris Bouma	Daniel L. Seif	Keith Van Rhee
inSpirit	Ryan Phan	Carl Boersen/Karen Gabrielse (MTs)	
Kelloggsville		Ron Geerlings/Melissa Vander Meulen	
LaGrave	Peter Jonker	Bruce Jager	Mike Bosma
Moline	Willem De Vries	Dennis Dykstra	Stacy Kimble
Monroe Community	Anthony Vander Schaaf	Sid Jansma Jr.	Joel Gustafson
Providence	Bob Boersma	Dave Hofstra	
The PIER	Wayne Ondersma	Dave Holtrop	
Wayland		Keith Johnson/Mike Grassmid	

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

OLD BUSINESS

1.Oversite Committee- Peter Jonker explained the status of Rev. Raymond Blacketer and the procedure required following a C.O. Article 17. The recommendation to continue contact was approved.

2.Servants of Classis-Delegates were reminded of the updates and needed replacements.

NEW BUSINESS

1.Code of Conduct Discussion- Dr. Amana Benckhuysen led a discussion as requested by Synod after having delegates read the Code as presented. She reviewed its history and need as well as sought input regarding how the Code could improve people's ministry and how best to implement the Code's provisions at the local level.

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2.Budget- Classis' Treasurer Brenda Bosch reviewed the proposed 2022-2024, distinguishing between the Pledges for denominational causes and Ministry Shares at the classis level. Motion passed to approve the presented budget. The Finance Committee is soliciting members upon Jerry Zandstra's having served faithfully as its chair for "innumerable" years.

3.Vision of Classis- CMC Chair Dave Struyk presented CMC's previously-distributed proposal to authorize a planning team to re-evaluate past goals, discern significant changing factors, and propose an updated vision/mission statement. The proposal was approved as presented.

4.Denominational Representatives- Laura Keeley from Faith Formation shared information regarding available resources. Carla Bieber from Connections presented a page of ways to connect. Amy Schenkel from Resonate spoke regarding local efforts to maximize outreach.

SERVANTS OF CLASSIS – Most of the written reports were included in the emailed Agenda.

1.Prayer Coordinator-Jolene De Heer-Written report details her involvement at many levels.

2.Classis Interim Committee-A written report was presented and approved. The SC as CIC's secretary added a previous action of approving Vietnamese Reformed Christian Church in Kentwood's request to no longer be affiliated with Classis GR South and the CRCNA.

3.Stated Clerk- George Vink's written, distributed report of his work was approved.

4.Classis Ministry Team-Dave Struyk-See Vision of Classis above. New Business #3

5.Established Church Development-Arek O'Connel- Updates on *ROOTED's* Young Adult ministry.

6.Spiritual Growth and Prayer- Henry Schenkel was given opportunity to his highlight report.

7.Ministry Leadership Team-Emily Vanden Heuvel reported on two students at CTS as well as a recent graduate's work. Emily led the classis in prayer for those preparing for ministry.

8.Church Visiting-A team is in place and prepared to handle requests for their ministry.

9.Church Counsellors- Several had finished their work as new pastors were installed or ordained.

10.Regional Pastor-George Vink gave a brief summary of his work of encouraging the pastors.

REPORTS RELATED TO DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONSHIP-

1. COD-Jessica Madox has begun her work on the Council of Delegates

2. Calvin University-Nathan DeJong-McCarron's written report on Calvin University had been mailed out.

WE DEPART-

1.Thanks-Appreciation was expressed to Wayland CRC for being the host church.

2.Prayer-Chair Ron Kool led in closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Vink, Stated Clerk

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 9, 2023 at ALGER PARK CRC

The meeting will include electing delegates for Synod 2023

Deadline for the March 9 Agenda: February 16, 2022