

Classis of North Grand Rapids Meeting Minutes

Stated Session

Rockford Reformed Church

January 22, 2019

Opening:

Devotion

Rev. Ralph Robrahn I Corinthians 12 and Paul's commentary on the whole of the body. Tammy Schollaart led directed prayer for the denomination, regional synod, Classis, and churches.

Business Meeting Called to Order by Tammy Schollaart, President at 6:50 PM.

Roll Call (completed by signature)

A – Excused Absence U – Unexcused Absence

Church	Clergy	Elder	Elder
Aberdeen Reformed	Vacant	Ted Myers	(A)
Central Reformed	Steven Pierce	Marla Lunderberg (A)	Jeff DeVree
The Community - Ada	William Norden (A)	Bob Engelsman (A)	
	Mara Joy Norden (A)		
Faith Harvest	David Mayer	Scott Rose	
Fourth Reformed	Eric Schalk	Betsy Coutchie	
Knapp Street Reformed	Les Wiseman	(A)	
Oakview Community Church	Vacant	(A)	(A)
Orchard Hill Reformed	Bob Karel (A)		
	Kathy Bartels (MUC) (A)		
	Laura Claus (MUC) (A)		
Remembrance Reformed	Eric Cook (A)	John Jacobitz	(A)
	Todd Schmidt (A)	(A)	
	Dave Vander Woude (A)		
Resurrection Reformed	Doug Kiel (A)	Bruce Holleboom (A)	
	Kristi Kiel (A)		
Richmond Reformed	Christopher Westerbeek	David Johnson	
Rockford Reformed	Tim Meendering (A)	Jim Scholten	Dan Uthoff
Servant's Community	Mark Veldt (A)	Josh Gress	
Standale	Jessica Shults (A)	Lin Cline	
Third Reformed	Jeff Petersen (A)	Ron Schollaart	Tam Schollaart (Pres)
Trinity Reformed	Ben Bruins	Francene Lewis	
	Sarah Bruins (A)		
Specialized Ministers/Ministers Without Charge/Inactive			
Katherine Baker (A)	Eric Bogerd (A)	Nancy Boote	Nancy Claus
John Delger	Lisa Henderson (A)	Kate Kooyman (A)	Steve Luchies
Diane Maodush-Pitzer (A)	Cheryl Molhoek (A)	Adam Navis (A)	Branson Parler (A)
Rebecca Stegeman Riekse (A)	Robyn Saylor (A)	David Veldt (A)	
Steve Wolters			
Eric Branch (A)	Rachel Bush (A)	Ryan Landt	
Jonathan Tice (A)	Jennifer Petersen (A)	Susan VanderWall (A)	Bill VanderWerp
Aaron Wetzel	Andre Daley (A)		
Retired Ministers			

Bill Fennema (A)	Ralph Robrahn		
Associates In Ministry, Commissioned Pastor			
Willa Brown (A)	George VanderHyde (A)		
Joel Bengelink (A)	George Werkema		

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made, supported, and passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made, supported, and passed to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2018 Ordination of Jason Vermeulen and Stated Session September 18, 2018.

Appoint Tellers

Tellers were appointed from Knapp and Oakview.

Committee and Council Reports

Executive Committee

Recommended and passed to appoint Rev. Dr. Lou Lotz to Pastoral Care Committee and designate him as a co-leader; and appoint Len DeBraber to the Specialized Ministry Committee.

Recommended and passed to appoint Rev. Ralph Robrahn to an unexpired term on the Classis Executive Committee.

Overtures and Judicial Business

Ben Bruins reviewed the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order as referred by the 2018 General Synod. Results of the voting are:

1. Delegates Authorized to Vote on Final Declarative Resolution regarding Constitutional Amendments (MGS 2018, CO 18-1, pp. 257-258)

20 Yes _1_ No 1 Abstention

2. Regional Synod Formation, Combination, and Disbanding of Classes, and Transfer of Churches from One Classis to Another (MGS 2018, CO 18-2, pp. 259-260)

21 Yes _1_ No 1 Abstention

3. Consistory Responsibility of Costs Borne by Minister when Source of Minister's Insurance is Spouse's Employer-Sponsored Benefit Plan (MGS 2018, CO 18-3, pp. 261-262)

20 Yes _2_ No

Pastoral Care Committee

Report received for information.

Church Revitalization Team

Report received for information.

Miscellaneous

Request from Brad Olson to Demit from Ministry

Motion made, supported, and passed to demit Brad Olson from Ministry with a promise of preference should he request to be re-ordained at a future time.

Announcements/Reminders

Consistorial Reports are to be completed by March 1, 2019.

Constitutional Inquiries are needed from Oakview.

Medical and Retirement Declaration needed from Remembrance (Vander Woude) and Servant's.

Is there a need for a March 2019 Classis Meeting? Consensus agreement that there wasn't a need for a March meeting and the next stated session will be in September, location to be set by Executive Committee.

Reminder to delegates to General and Regional Synods. Any changes in delegates from those provided before year end 2018 must be reported to the Stated Clerk no later than January 31, 2019.

Particularia

The Stated Clerk thanked Rockford for hosting church for the meeting.

Resolutions

Motion made, supported, and passed to excuse the absences of Eric Bogerd, Willa Brown, Sarah Bruins, Eric Cook, Laura Dilley, Bill Fennema, Bruce Holleboom, Doug Kiel, Kristi Kiel, Diane Maodush-Pitzer, Tim Meendering, Cheryl Molhoek, Adam Navis, Billy Norden, Branson Parler, Jeff Petersen, Jess Shults, Mark Veldt, Steve Wolters, and any others unable to attend due to weather conditions.

Closing

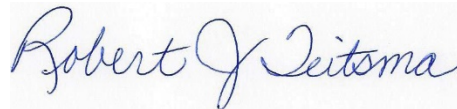
Motion made, supported, and passed to close the meeting.

Closing Prayer by Tam Schollaart.

Next Classis Meetings

May 21, 2019 tentative, Student Exams, Standale session 6:30 PM no dinner

September 17, 2019, Location to be Determined 5:45 PM dinner; session 6:30 PM



Tamara Schollaart, President

Robert J. Teitsma, Stated Clerk