

Classical Interim Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

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1. Opening Prayer by Mark Vande Zande
2. Present: Rev. Mark Vande Zande (chair), Rev. Kevin Muyskens (vice), Rev. Nate Kuperus (clerk), Rev. Bob Drenten (stated clerk of classis)
3. Tom De Does and Chad Van Ginkel joined to discuss “Order of Worship” for March 2 meeting of Classis Heartland.
4. Rev. Vande Zande will communicate with the three churches who sent overtures regarding the Human Sexuality Report to see if they can choose one of the overtures to be the focus of discussion on the floor of classis.
5. Rev. Drenten informs that ‘Servants of Classis’ are included on the classisheartland.com webpage.
6. Motion regarding meaningful budget conversations at classis meetings.
 - a. **Motion: CIC communicate with the CSC our desire to have them meaningfully participate and interact with committees about their budget request during the time of each committee’s budget request. Approved**
 - i. We make this request hoping to achieve two objectives.
 1. Objective 1: Classis will still give its approval to the budget as a whole.
 2. Objective 2: CSC meaningfully engage with the committees and classis at the time each committee reports.
7. Classical Coordinator Term
 - a. The position was a 2-year trial followed by 3-year terms, renewable and reviewable at the end of each term.
 - b. Rev. Muyskens’ second term as Classical Coordinator is concluding in September.
 - c. CNC should take note of this for the September classis meeting.
8. Rev. Drenten communicates that ownership of ‘classisheartland.com’ domain has been transferred from Rev. Zuidema to Classis Heartland.

- a. CIC recognizes that this is an important part of classical communication and that ongoing costs should be covered as a classical expense.**
9. Dale Braaksma communication received.
10. Calvary CRC has a member interested in licensure to exhort.
- a. Rev. Drenten has already invited Calvary CRC to follow through with the CMLT who oversees the process.
11. Rev. Drenten will be concluding his work after the March meeting.
- a. CIC expresses our thanks to Rev. Drenten for his many years of faithful service to Christ's Kingdom, Classis Heartland and the entire denomination in this capacity.
- b. Rev. Phillip Westra will begin as Stated Clerk on April 1 with the help of Rev. Drenten.
12. CIC will look into scheduling Classis Heartland on different weekdays than neighboring classes as this causes scheduling conflicts for Synodical Deputies and other ministry representatives.
13. Rev. Vande Zande reports that COD has decided to cancel Synod 2021. COD will meet in lieu of Synod 2021 and make decisions on items that can't wait until the following year.
- a. Rev. Vande Zande also reports that he is scheduled to be out of the country doing ministry on the date that COD will meet. This will leave Classis Heartland without representation since there are no alternates to COD meetings. CIC believes it is up to Rev. Vande Zande's discretion to make this choice.
14. Rev. Kuperus closed in prayer.