

**CLASSIS OF CHICAGO • WINTER STATED SESSION • MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2013 • Mt. Greenwood Reformed Church, Chicago**

1. OPENING WORSHIP at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL by signature:

<u>Churches</u>		<u>Elder Delegates</u>	<u>Pastors</u>
Berwyn	First	Rich Schuler	
Chicago	CrossRoads		
Chicago	La Capilla		Pedro Windsor
Chicago	Mt. Greenwood	Tim Slager Rich Van Swol	Bill Crowder
Downers Grove	Community	James Jalowiec	Howard Hoekstra
Lombard	Taiwanese	Baif Chen Dan Wang	Rev Lai
Lemont	Christ Community	Dennis Suda	Dave Parrish
Orland Park	Calvary	Bruce Hansen Steve Orshonsky Earl Vander Wall	Dave Van Kley
Riverdale	Ivanhoe	Kathie Darman Jewel Willis Thomas Stephen Kalber	
Stickney	Faith	Ranee Sudkamp	Christopher Poest
West Chicago	Faith	Ben Higgins	Travis Else Shane Sterk

Specialized Ministers: Aaron Kuecker, Joe Paglia, Andy Rozendaal, Keith Starkenburg, Steve Young

Guests: Randy Kooy, Wayne Van Regenmorter, Howard Vander Meer, Andrew Field

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3. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION

GEN-13-W-1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the transfer of the Rev. Dave Schwabauer to the Illiana, FL Classis.*

GEN-13-W-2 *Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the transfer of the Rev. Aaron Kueker to the City Classis.*

4. GRANTING THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO GUESTS

GEN-13-W-3 *Motion made, seconded and carried to grant the privilege of the floor to the guests.*

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORDER OF THE DAY

- a. Boundaries of the House
- b. Requests for Suspension of the Rules of Order

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

GEN-13-W-4 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the amended minutes of the Fall Stated Session on Oct. 13, 2012.*

-amendment includes corrections to roll call: Steve Young – specialized minister present, Kathy Darman – correction of spelling Sharon Schramel as guest.

7. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Tellers
- b. Other Appointments

8. REFERRALS

- a. Correspondence
- b. Requests for Excused Absences

GEN-13-W-5 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the requests for excused absences.*

9. STATED CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS ORDERED AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consistorial Reports are due to Diane TODAY.

They may be submitted electronically also.

10. PRESIDENTS UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE CLASSIS – Bruce Hanson

11. APPOINTMENT OF SYNODICAL DELEGATES

General Synod – *June 20-25, 2013, Central College, Pella, IA*

Elder Delegate Churches: **Faith Reformed, Stickney; Faith Community, West Chicago**

Regional Synod Executive Session

- Dave Parrish
- Rich Schuler
- Christopher Poest
- Dennis Suda, substitute

12. REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

CHURCH CARE COMMITTEE – Rich Schuler, Chairperson

CANDIDATE CARE COMMITTEE - Rev. Aaron Kueker, Chairperson

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Howard Vander Meer, chairperson

STE-13-W-1 *Motion made, seconded and not carried to award up to \$6,000 to churches who attended The Reggie McNeal who apply for community outreach ministry*

STE-13-W-2 *Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize \$36,000 for the 6 churches who attend the Reggie McNeal event and apply for a grant.*

Request for the Stewardship Committee to show how much money is designated for various types of ministries.

13. COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes are available on the Classis website, <http://chicago.msyn.org>, and are for informational purposes only. They have been amended to include Dave Parrish in attendance.

14. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Overture and Judicial Business Committee

Each recommended change was voted on separately.

OJB-13-W-1 *Motion made, seconded and discussion regarding the proposed change requiring the reading scripture at Consistory.*

OJB-13-W-1.1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to Call the Question.*

OJB-13-W-1 *Recommendation carried.*

OJB-13-W-2 *Motion made, seconded and discussion to accept the proposed change regarding a person who has been declared demitted from the office of minister of Word and Sacrament may seek reordination if the Classis agrees to allow the request, the classis shall conduct an examination..*

OJB-13-W-2.1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to Call the Question.*

OJB-13-W-2 *Recommendation carried.*

OJB-13-W-3 *Motion made, seconded and discussion regarding the proposed changes to take the Conscious Clauses out of the BCO.*

OJB-13-W-3.1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to Call the Question.*

OJB-13-W-3 *Recommendation defeated.*

15. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review of Classis Structure – Dave Van Kley, Chris Poest and Wayne Van Regenmorter
 - i. Survey was sent out to all who have served in Classis requesting their

- input into a survey regarding Classis structure.
- ii. The report of the survey results are on the website for review.

GEN-13-W-6 *Motion made, seconded and carried to instruct the Coordinating Committee to review this preliminary structural review report, formulate an action plan by which the Classis can begin to address the four areas needing attention and present that action plan to the Classis at a Special Session of Classis in Summer of 2013*

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Nominations Committee**

Nominations: President: Dave Parrish
 Vice-President: TBD
 Stated Clerk: Diane Spacek
 Treasurer: Dan Luczak
 Church Care Chairperson: Rich Schuler
 Pastor Care Chairperson: Gregg Pusaterri
 Stewardship Chairperson: Howard Vander Meer
 Candidate Care Chairperson: Aaron Kueker
 OJB Committee Chairperson: TBD

GEN-13-W-7 *Motion made, seconded and carried to accept nominations from the Nominations Committee as listed.*

- B. Report from the Wayne Van Regenmorter regarding the RCA's Under Funded Minister proposal

17. TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT SESSION

Coordinating Committee: Sept. 10, 2013; 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Church, Orland Park

Fall Stated Session: Oct. 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Downers Grove Community Church

18. APPROVAL OF THE ROLL CALL

GEN-13-W-8 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Roll Call by signature.*

19. READING OF THE JOURNAL

GEN-13-W-9 *Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize the Coordinating Committee to approve the Reading of the Journal.*

20. ADJOURNMENT

GEN-13-W-10 *Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer.*

20. CLOSING PRAYER – Dave Van Kley