

1. Call to Order – Pedro Windsor
2. Open Worship Music
3. Open Meditation – Pedro Windsor
4. Roll Call – by signature

| CHURCHES | PASTOR | ELDER |
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| 1 st Berwyn | | Steve Orshonsky Dennis Suda |
| CrossRoads | Mary Teresa Orshonsky | Rich Schuler |
| LaCapilla | Pedro Windsor | Slise Pepin |
| Mt. Greenwood | Bill Crowder | Timothy Slager Richard Van Swol |
| Downer Grove | | James Even |
| Christ Community | Chad De Jager | Hal Brown Jim Ozinga |
| Taiwanese | Sonny Lai | Sue-Lin Yen |
| Calvary | Ron Citlau Dennis Colton | Jamison Elder Ronald Korhorn Jim Meyer |
| Ivanhoe | | Earl Vander Wall |
| Faith, Stickney | Christopher Poest | Dan Luczak |
| Faith, West Chicago | Shane Sterk | Ben Higgins |

Specialized Ministers:

Jamie Sipsma, Joe Paglia, Wendy Haack, Marjorie Vander Wagen.

Students under Care

Caryn Baham, Matt Rogalski.

Guest: Wayne Van Regenmorter, Chad Schuitema.

5. Granting the privilege of the floor to Guests

GEN-16-F-1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to grant the privilege of the floor to the guests.*

6. Establishment of the order of the day

Boundaries of the house to be the room in which the meeting is being held.

7. Approval of the minutes and clerical business.

GEN-16-F-2 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Winter Stated Session on February 20, 2016.*

GEN-16-F-3 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the requests for excused absences. (Felix Theonugraha, Scott Manetsch, Howard Hoekstra, Gregg Pusateri, Steve Young, Jewel Willis Thomas)*

GEN-16-F-4 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Roll Call by signature.*

GEN-16-F-5 *Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize the Coordinating Committee to approve the Reading of the Journal.*

8. Stated Clerk's Report on Actions Ordered and Unfinished Business.

Consistorial Reports are due February 18, 2017
They may be submitted electronically.

Delegates to General Synod next in rotation are Taiwanese and Faith Community, Stickney Clergy and Elder delegate. The 2017 General Synod will be held on the campus of Hope College in Holland, Michigan. It will begin on the afternoon of Thursday, June 8, and will adjourn on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

9. Regional Synod report.

Report was given by Wayne Van Regenmorter and Chad Schuitema about formation of New Thing Classis and update on Transformed & Transforming. Regional Synod meeting is November 10, 2016 when final vote on New Thing Classis is scheduled.

10. Reports of Permanent Committees

Church Care Committee

Jericho Road Church has decided not to be part of the RCA.

CCC-16-F-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to remove Jericho Road Church from Chicago Classis roster.

City Gate group is no longer pursuing becoming a church start.

Candidate Care Committee

Matthew Rogalski sponsored by Faith Stickney and Caryn Baham sponsored by Downers Grove Community were introduced to Chicago Classis.

CaC-16-F-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to receive Matthew Rogalski as a candidate under the care of Classis.

CaC-16-W-2 Motion made, seconded and carried to receive Caryn Baham as a candidate under the care of Classis.

Stewardship Committee

SC-16-F-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the 2017 budget as proposed.

SC-16-F-2 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the 2017 Salary Schedule, Rules & Guidelines as prepared by the Regional Synod of Mid-America

11. Coordinating Committee

Minutes are available on the Classis website, www.rsmam.org/chicago-classis-webpage, and are for informational purposes only.

Howard Hoekstra was appointed to the office of Vice-President to fulfill the vacancy created when Andy Rozendaal transferred out of Chicago Classis

Report of Coordinating Committee Sub-Committee on classis restructure. Rich Schuler presented what has happened with this committee since it was formed.

CoC-16-F-1 Motion made, seconded and defeated to create a 2 year transition plan. (plan submitted by Chad De Jager)

CoC-16-F-2 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve approach laid out by sub-committee to have each church send to the Stated Clerk thoughts on the 2 proposals set forth and to have the sub-committee gather and host one representative from each church and one representative from the Stated Clerks list of Specialized Ministers to provide a way forward with Classis. Updates are to be communicated within two weeks of the meetings.

CoC-16-F-3 Motion made, seconded and carried that assessments be waived for the 2017 year and be paid from the Classis reserve.

12. Report of Standing Committees

Overture and Judicial Business Committee

Chris Poest reminded us that the 2016 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America are in your packet to study and we will bring them forward for a vote in the Winter Stated Session.

13. New Business

GEN-16-F-6 Motion made and seconded to invest \$25,000 in 2017 in the Downers Grove Community church to partner with Rev. Ron Ovitt in a consulting and teaching role for Outreach and Evangelism.

GEN-16-F-6.1 Motion made, seconded, and carried to send Motion GEN-16-F-6 to the Stewardship Committee for evaluation and consideration.

GEN-16-F-7 Motion made, seconded, and pulled to have the Regional Synod of Mid-America Executive team conduct an in-depth evaluation for the current roles, functions, and effectiveness of the Regional Synod of Mid-America. Including surveying each of the Classis leadership in the Regional Synod of Mid-America on their observations of the Regional Synod of Mid-America roles, functions, and effectiveness. Findings of this evaluation including each Classis comments to be shared with all Classis in the Regional Synod of Mid America.

A time of blessing Calvary Church on their new path was held.

14. Old Business

CCC-16-W-2 Motion made, seconded, and carried to merge 1st Reformed Church of Berwyn and CrossRoads Church.

14. Time and Location of Next Session

Coordinating Committee: January 16, 2017 at Calvary Church, Orland Park, IL

Fall Stated Session: February 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Greenwood Reformed Church, 3509 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60655.

15. Adjournment

GEN-16-F-8 Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer. Steve Orshonsky closed with prayer.

Steve Orshonsky-President

Earl Vander Wall-Stated Clerk