

Present: Rich Schuler, Rich Van Swol, Earl Vander Wall, Steve Orshonsky
Guest: Wayne Van Regenmorter

1. Opening prayer by Steve Orshonsky.
2. Motion made seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting as submitted.
Motion made seconded and carried to approve the minutes of November 5, 2016 Fall Stated Session.
3. Clerks report
 - a. Consistorial reports are due by February 18, 2017. Hard copies have been sent to all churches and electronic copies have been sent to all churches.
 - b. General Synod will be June 8-13 at Hope College in Holland MI. Churches next in line for delegates have been contacted. Wayne Van Regenmorter added that Regional Synod has openings for youth delegates and we are encouraged to send our youth to the Regional Synod so they can serve as Youth Delegates.
4. Report from Church Care Committee
 - a. Church visits are in process. Applications from Missional Café have come in and have been processed. Each church that submitted a proposal is getting \$1212.12 per month for 10 months.
 - b. Faith West Chicago has started conversations with Church Care about the direction they are feeling.
 - c. Discussion was held about the RCA bigger picture meetings that were held last month.
5. Report from Stewardship Committee:
 - a. Spread sheet of income and expenses was shared and things are in good order.
 - b. GEN-16-F-6.1 Was acted on by Stewardship will go to Winter Classis meeting with a recommendation to pass GEN-16-F-6.
6. Candidate Care Committee chairmanship is open but we have approached a few different people and hopefully this position will be filled soon.
 - a. Discussion took place to partner with Illiana-Florida Classis and New Thing Classis to work as a team for exams and care.
7. We will hear a report from OJB in the Winter Stated Classis Meeting and vote on proposed amendments to the Book of Church order at that time. The clerk will send out the amendments to the Book of Church order under separate cover with guideline sheet developed by Regional Synod prior to Winter Stated Session.
8. Task force on reorganizing classis structure has a meeting scheduled on January 31, 2017.
9. Pastoral Care is open and very close being filled.
10. Nomination Committee
 - a. With Howard Hoekstra dealing with some health struggles to honor him and his desire to serve the Classis of Chicago we have asked all the officers to maintain their current position for another year and the following year after Howard has a better grasp on his health he would move into the President position and the normal rotation would take place.
 - b. Positions that are open at this time are Pastoral Care, Candidate Care, Classis assignment to Camp Manitoqua, Classis assignment to Words of Hope. We are waiting on replies to each of these positions.

11. Wayne Van Regenmorter gave a report on a RCA event that was just held about emerging adults and the church.
12. Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.
13. CLOSING PRAYER... Earl Vander Wall

Respectfully submitted,
Earl J. Vander Wall
Stated Clerk of Chicago Classis