

Reformed Church in America
Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings at Longview Community Church, Phoenix, AZ on September 05, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Jim Poit, Dr. Randy Wieland, Rev. Gary Jarvis, Lynn Fischer, Wayne Ribbens, and Pastor Richard Caballero, and Dr. Gene James.

President Jim Poit called the meeting to order, and opened with a circle prayer.

Approval of minutes: 03/21/2013 and 06/29/2013, e-mail meeting minutes dated 05/21/2013, 05/31/2013, 06/17/2013, 06/21/2013, 07/15/2013, 07/17/2013, 07/23/2013, 07/31/2013, and 08/27/2013, were submitted for approval: M/S/C approved by voice vote 2013/26.

The meeting agenda was approved by voice vote 2013/24

Regional Strategist report:

With the recently announced Region Synod of the FarWest reorganization the Classis based Regional Strategist Position will be discontinued at the end of 2013. The Regional Synod Strategist funding will be provided to Classis to assist in covering the cost of Classis restructuring. The finance team is to follow up with the Regional Synod to gain an understanding of the calendarization of the funding.

Classis Goals: (provided by Rev. Jarvis)

- Make 499 new Disciples (new Christ followers) with the CRC by 2018
- Implement consistory Advisory and Coaching Rotation in 2014
- Complete a Consistory Training retreat with an emphasis on discipleship in October 2013
- 30 new Commissioned Pastor / Word & Sacrament candidates in 2014

Leadership Team Items:

Items from the Stated Clerk:

General Synod 2014 Delegates.

2014 RCA General Synod will be held June 12 to 17 at Central College in Pella Iowa.

Pastor delegates: Rev. Susan Hetrick and Rev. Gary Jarvis

Elder delegates: From Longview and Cortaro Vista.

Classis meeting agenda:

It was agreed the fall session of Classis would be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Christ's Community Church in Glendale. The meeting day will begin at 4:00 PM with a presentation by Kenneth Bradsell, Executive director, RCA benefit services, to update the classis on what is happening in health care and other benefit concerns.

- 4:00 PM Health Insurance update. Kenneth Bradsell
- 5:00 PM Break for a lite meal. Host Church
- 6:15 PM Worship Host church worship team
- 6:45 PM Classis Business Mtg
- 9:00 PM Adjourn

RCA/CRC retreat:

Dr. Poit and Rev. Jarvis indicated a firm schedule is not available at this time and they continue to work with Mike Johnson of the CRC.

Disabilities Advocate:

Ann B. Ballard, New Hope member, has agreed to serve on a volunteer basis as Classis Disabilities Advocate.

M/S/C to approve her appointment to serve as Classis disabilities Advocate. 2013/25

Classis officers and Team nominations: The follow list of nominees will be presented to Classis for approval:

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| President | Rev. Dr. Jim Poit |
| Vice President | Rev. Dr. Ted Vandeberg |
| Mission Southwest: | |
| | 1. Rev. Gary Jarvis |
| | 2. Pastor Richard Caballero |
| | 3. To be determined |
| | 4. To be determined |
| Church Health Team | |
| Team Leader | Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland |
| Assistant Leader | Rev. Susan Hetrick |
| Team Members: | Rev. Dr. Ted Vandeberg |
| Commissioned Pastor (Leadership Development) | |

Team Leader	Pastor Fred Bates,
Team Members:	Rev. Gary Jarvis Elder, Lynn Fischer Elder, Marilyn Hoff.
Clerk	Lynn Fischer
Clerk in training	Pastor Fred Bates
Treasurer	Lynn Fischer
Finance team	Wayne Ribbens
Words of Hope	Rev. William DeBoer
Disabilities Advocate	Ann Ballard

By-laws updates:

It was agreed to present the following for first reading at the Fall Session of Classis:

- Article V section A – remove the reference to Regional Strategist
- Article V section B –increase the number of vote Mission Southwest members to 4
- change in the number of voting members the responsibility of Classis

Oasis grant request:

The grant request letter dated June 15,2013 has been referred to the Oasis Board Of Directors for clarification and refinement.

Treasurers report:

Year to date income, expense, and account balance reports were provided.

M/S/C to receive the report for information 2013/26.

Desert Haven property sale update:

Reported the escrow process is complete and the ownership of the property has been transferred to Harvest Community Church.

The down payment has been received and deposited in the Classis account. A reconciliation summary was provided along with a copy of the closing statement.

Hope RCA-CGF loan update:

The Hope Trustees reported the RCA-CGF loan has been paid off as approved by the Classis Leadership Team. Recording of the lien release is underway.

Classis salary guideline:

Referred to the Finance Team for review and recommendation.

The recommendation was approved by voice vote 2013/27

Proposed 2014 Classis budgets:

The Proposed budget was provided in the meeting information packet, it was noted the Regional Strategist line is included in the 2014 budget and will be addressed by the Leadership Team as Classis moves forward organizationally.

M/S/C to present the budget as written for approval at the fall session of classis 2013/28

Mission Southwest:

Mission Southwest has completed and approved a Ministry Structure document, the document has been approved by the Classis of the Southwest, RCA and Classis Arizona, CRCNA. Changes in the number of voting members from each classis has increased to 4, the increase information has been communicated to each classis for action. Wayne Ribbens has been appointed Mission Southwest Treasurer, a Mission Southwest bank account has been opened at Wells Fargo using the Classis of the Southwest EIN and 201c3.

Church Health Team report

Rosemont: Dr. Wieland reported, meetings with the congregation continue and it has been determined the ministry is not viable. Meetings continue and it is expected a final resolution will be announced in the near future.

Mescalero: Rev. Gary Jarvis, reported the Supervision Team continued to meet with the Mescalero consistory, Rev. Schut's last service was held on August 25, 2013 and was attended by several persons from Classis. Dr. Ted Vandeberg has agreed to serve as moderator during the Pastoral vacancy.

Glass & Garden: Dr. James has indicated his intention to leave his ministry position at Glass & Garden Drive-In Church at the at the end of his contract, September 30, 2013. Dr. Wieland reported the Trustees have been meeting with the congregation to assess their ministry care needs.

Next Leadership meeting – to be determined.

M/S/C to adjourn 2012/29

Closing circle of prayer by the Rev. Gary Jarvis
Respectfully submitted

Lynn Fischer, Stated Clerk