

**Reformed Church in America**  
**Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team**

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings by e-mail, May 15-21, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY e-mail: Rev. Dr. Jim Poit, Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland, Rev. Gary Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Ted Vandenberg, Pastor Richard Caballero, Wayne Ribbens, and Lynn Fischer.

Purpose of the meeting was to process the proposal received from The Garden on May 9, 2013

Recommendation:

We determined that we did not have sufficient information to act on the request and decided to send a team of three to meet with the consistory to:

1. Inform them that classis does not have a policy of providing grants to cover operational shortfalls
2. Gather additional information about the Garden's financial situation
3. Inquire about the spiritual tensions mentioned in the request
4. Investigate if there were specific ways in which we could offer support, financial or otherwise, to assist the Garden

The recommendation was approved by voice vote 2013/12

Leadership Team members Rev. Gary Jarvis, Wayne Ribbens and Lynn Fischer indicated they would be available to attend the meeting.

Rev. Jarvis agreed to arrange for the meeting with the Garden.

The meeting was closed, The Team members were asked to pray for Spirit to prepare us for the upcoming meeting with the Garden.

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Fischer, Stated Clerk  
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