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Council Meeting Minutes

Bethany Christian Reformed Church Meeting: Monday, May 29th, 2017

Attendees:

Elders: *Zach Beldman*, Hilbert Bokma, Rob Bouwers, Hans Dam, George DeRoo, Peter Glasbergen, Harry Hielema, *Albert Janssen*, Ed Roorda, Kevin Twomey, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Mark Vahrmeyer, *Richard VanLochem*, Gerry Veermer, *Peter Veldhuizen*.

Deacons: Leo Devries, J. J. Kiezer, Bert Nauta, *Don Terpstra*, Frank Vraets

Absent: Ed Slappendel, Jim Slappendel, *John Enzlin*, Brian Prins

(Above names in Italics are retiring office bearers)

Chairman George DeRoo opened and welcome with greetings. This was followed with Scripture reading Deut. 34 – Joshua 1. Focus was on being strong and courageous for I will always be with you. Outgoing officer bearers reflected on highlights of their time on Council. Common theme was the blessings of a home visit and getting to know district members. This was followed with a prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held April 17th, and May 8th, 2017 received.

Motion to accept and carried.

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

Names were approved for the Human Resource Team.

Minutes from the Congregational meeting held April 26th, 2017 received.

Motion to accept and carried.

New Business.

Election of Council Executive: Chairman remains as George DeRoo, Vice Chairman, Mark Vahrmeyer, Vice All remains as Harry Heilema, Clerk, Peter Veldhuizen will stay on.

Proposal from the Youth Ministry Team to have the 7 & 8 year old children part of a Junior Cadet and Gem programs. The boys as Cadets will meet in the cadet building and the girls as gems will meet in the Multi-purpose/Council room during the Sunday Worship service. This will alleviate the shortage of rooms we will have in the fall for Sunday School. Proposal was accepted.

Hilbert Bokma highlighted on the Classis Meeting.

Vision Implementation Team. The following names have agreed to be part of the Team: Ian Gerrys, Cynthia Nauta, Ed Roorda (Council Rep) Wilma Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin, Christine VanGeest, Tim VanHoffen, Andrea Veldhuizen, Peter Wierenga.

Second year office bearers to organize a BBQ for all of Council including the outgoing members. (Date to be determined) Harry to take the lead.

Correspondence - Letter CRC family reunion in Detroit, August 3-5, 2017. (Anyone can attend).

Letter CRC World Mission (FYI)

Council Orientation session to be planned for one of the first 3 Mondays in July.

Next Council meeting is slated for some time in early August 2017.

Leo Devries closed in Prayer.

Congregational Meeting Minutes

Bethany Christian Reformed Church Wednesday, April 26th, 2017

Attendees: 44 members present.

Chairman George DeRoo opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from John 15 with a focus on verses 4 & 5. This portion of scripture reflects on "We are the Vine".

Time spent in prayer and shared joyful news with the birth of two new babies born this week.

Motion to approve minutes of the fall congregational meeting held Wednesday, January 11 2017. 2nd. Carried.

Matters arising from the minutes. None

The finance team presented the 2016 Operating Results and Balance Sheet. It was noted that Bethany paid 89% of Denominational Quotas. Motion to accept the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016. 2nd. Carried.

Vision Team – Hilbert Bokma presented the Vision Statement and thanked the members of the team for their contribution. Reading of John 15 vs 4 & 5 was read. Implementation of the Vision Statement will be undertaken by a Team consisting of 6 to 8 people. The Discipleship Team will work with the new Team for its vision as well. Dedication will take place on May 14th, 2017.

Syrian Refugee Group – Wendy Vahrmeyer gave a presentation that 50 people attended. A family of four is slated to come within the next 4 weeks.

Closing prayer by Wendy Vahrmeyer.

Adjournment.

Prepared by Harry H.

School News

Employment Opportunity: School Bus Driver

Remember working for a small bus company?

NACE is a small, independent, faith-based school board operating two schools: Covenant Christian School in Smithville, and John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek, and running 11-12 bus routes with students aged JK through grade 12. Our drivers are paid competitively, have a single route (you get to know your families and students!), are offered opportunity to drive occasional charters, and most of all are a part of a small team that knows one another, dedicated to the overall mission of the schools: to help kids live for Jesus, learn for life, and serve with gladness. We pay medical and licensing fees associated with getting/keeping your 'B' class license. We are seeking drivers to begin in September. Routes range from East Hamilton, Beamsville/Grimsby/Vineland, Welland, Caistor Centre into our schools in Stoney Creek and Smithville. If you are reliable, seeking reliable work, love working with kids, have three years bus driving experience with a clean record and are interested in joining not only a team of drivers but a team of parents, teachers, and administrators dedicated to the growth of students, we want to hear from you! Contact Kevin Huinink, Executive Director, khuinink@nace.ca 905-643-2460 or 905-957-7796

Job Type: Part-time

Requirements:

- Minimum three years bus driving experience.
- 'B' class drivers License.
- Clean driving record.
- Reliable, friendly, able to relate well with children.
- Able to pass a vulnerable sector check.

Other News **Sexual Purity/Addiction:**

Dear Congregation Member: Greetings. You are no doubt aware of the subtle and stealthy manner in which social media is influencing our decisions and values.

Even those of us who by prayerful and constant use of God's instructions, try to live a life of sexual purity, can be drawn into the sexual battle against pornography.

You are invited to spend a couple hours with Brent Thomas, Executive Director of Elisha House in Welland and his colleague, Glen Slingerland to hear more about pornography and sexual purity. In the battle for sexual purity, we learn that what starts off as a moral problem, quickly becomes a brain problem.

All are welcome. Youngsters under 16 are welcome at the discretion of their parents. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 17 Robinson Rd., Dunnville. For additional information, email: George Eygenraam at gaeygenraam@gmail.com or phone Hank Hultink at [905-701-4386](tel:905-701-4386). There will be a freewill offering for Elisha House."

In His Service, The Spiritual Health Outreach Team

NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS STRAWBERRY SOCIAL:

You are warmly invited to attend the Niagara Christian Gleaners strawberry social, to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Overbeeke farm, 1353 Balfour St., Fenwick, ON. We are excited and pleased to be able to share with you, how the Lord is leading and opening doors to begin a new Gleaners location, modeled after the Ontario Christian Gleaners in Cambridge. Please join us for strawberries, ice cream, fellowship, games, hay rides etc. and enjoy a presentation highlighting the current plans. . This is a free family event, your donations to Niagara Christian Gleaners will be tax receipted as per CRA guidelines. . You will learn how the Gleaners assists mission organizations and how you can help by financially supporting this work. We hope to engage all ages, teenagers to seniors, volunteering in bringing a meal to those who are hungry! "For truly I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward" Mark 9:41

Volunteers Needed—The Niagara Christian Gleaners will be hosting a Strawberry Social (Fundraiser) on June 24 from 2-5. We are looking for volunteers to wash / hull / slice strawberries in the morning - about 9:30 - ? We would appreciate your help - please let Christine Smit know if you are able to help. Phone: 905-957-4811 (please leave a message) email: christine_smit@hotmail.com

Loving Your Neighbor

Ever been engaged in a conversation and you wanted to say something about what you believe about God but didn't know what to say? Have you ever tried to express your faith to someone and given up in frustration? Ever wish you were better prepared in expressing your faith to your friends and neighbors? Do you live in the tension of wanting to make disciples but don't know where to start? You're not alone. While these are great questions to wonder about there is a first step to "Always being prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15

We are inviting you to a one evening workshop where you will receive practical guidance to help you move towards engaging people with a different world view and encouraging them to consider God, who created us, loves us and wants us to know him.

Date: Tuesday Evening June 20th from 7pm till 9pm

Place: Providence Church Main Auditorium 4845 King St East Beamsville

Presenters: Mike Collins the Community Pastor for the Town of Lincoln and Nicole Wikkerink Providence Church Small Group Director.

Coffee Break: Just thought I bring you all up to date on our summer picnic plans. It will be on July 11, at Fran Vedder's home. Her address is 40562 Forks Rd., Wainfleet. It will start 10:00 am and go till we all get tired and need to go home. □ Gail and Irene's group is asked to bring salads, Jane's group is asked to bring condiments, cold drinks, and fruit and veggie trays. Jean's group is asked to bring desserts and coffee goodies. Please contact me to let me know if you are planning or able to come. Also let me know what you are planning to bring, so that we have too much of one thing we can maybe change so there is enough of everything. Coffee and the hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by Fran. Ladies I hope this is all making sense. □ Hope to see many of you there so we can catch up with everyone. See you there!



Request for Summer Day Camp Support Person

There is a special request for a "friendly buddy" volunteer to come along side of a 6 year old boy who will be participating in the Welland Summer Day Camp Program.

Sebastian is in need of some gentle support to help keep him on track, and to help him transition activities throughout the day.

We are looking for a mature high school student who has their own transportation, is interested in working with kids and is also in need of community volunteer hours. We will gladly provide a letter of recommendation to assist in applications to post secondary education programs. The camp program runs daily 9am- 5pm for the months of July and August.

Ideally we would love to work with 2 or 3 volunteers as we appreciate this would be a big time commitment for 1 person.

If you are interested or know of anyone else interested in this opportunity, please contact Sandra Stam @ cell # 905-658-6073

TOWN OF PELHAM Canada 150 Mosaic—June 8th & 9th **If you are interested, the details are below.**

From the Canada 150 Mosaic website: "Approximately 5- 15 Communities per province and territory across Canada will create sections of the overall mural that will connect Canada through art. Each participating city or town will create a section of the mural made up of 400-750 individual tiles that symbolizes their community. Each of these Community Mural sections will stand alone as a mural for that particular community. Then, each of these sections of the mural will be become one of the many storybook pages within the overall mural to form the ultimate visual time capsule and create a legacy for a proud nation."

Participation in this event is open to all Town of Pelham residents of any skill level. The mural is comprised of 4"x4" aluminum tiles that residents will paint on, each featuring an image that represents Pelham's history, culture, landmarks, etc. All materials will be provided.

The Town of Pelham is offering workshops on June 8th and 9th .The times for Thursday June 8th: 3:30-4:00, 4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00, and 7:30-8:30. The times for Friday, June 9th: 1:00-2:00, 2:30-3:30, 4:00-5:00, 5:30-6:30. All workshops will be held at the Old Pelham Town Hall. Anyone who is interested in registering for this exciting opportunity can use the following link: <http://www.pelham.ca/en/experience/Public-Art.aspx> and clicking on Canada 150 Mural Mosaic.

HACK ATTACK - Who is planning the biggest prank in Reptarium Middle School history? The new kid Kenan Leon seems to have all the answers, but does he know right from wrong? How far can this prank go before someone has to draw the line? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD? - If you think you know everything there is to know about God and fully understand his character, Habakkuk might say you need a bigger faith. Join us in discussing Habakkuk 3 as the prophet confronts us with one powerfully big God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From CRC Communications

Please Pray for Synod 2017 - Please continue to pray for the discussions and decisions that will take place at Synod 2017. Synod begins on Friday, June 9 in Palos Heights, Illinois, and will run until June 15. Resources and topics for prayer can be found on the Synod Prayer Support page. crcna.org/synod/prayer

Pray for Inspire 2017 - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for worship team members Greg Scheer and Mary Rodriguez. Pray for them as they plan worship, help choose songs, and make decisions about how to lead in worship and praise at Inspire 2017. Pray that worship will bring glory to God and bless those worshipping him.

From Other

Wishing you could get away with God for a while? - Come join us October 20-22 at Kingfisher Bay in the Kawarthas for a weekend of guided, silent reflection that will feed your soul. \$325.00 covers private accommodations, all linens, 5 meals, individual sessions with a certified Spiritual Director and use of the facilities in a stunningly beautiful setting at Kingfisher Bay Retreat House (www.kingfisherbay.ca). For information, contact Tracey-Ann Van Brenk at guidepostsministries@gmail.com or 705-927-1154.

Bible League Canada: An Evening of Inspiration - Bible League Canada invites you to come out to a dessert evening of information and inspiration. You will have an opportunity to hear about the exciting work that God is doing in India. Bible League representatives Ashley Sherbino and Norm Cheng will be hosting this special evening. Bill and Hilda Vander Klippe will share their firsthand experience about their recent trip to India, on how thousands of lives are being transformed every day through the various ministries that Bible League Canada supports in India. You will be inspired as you hear about courageous Church Planters, transforming communities through the work of the Adult Bible-based Literacy classes, and Children's Bible Clubs. Join us Monday, June 12th, from 7 - 8:30 pm at Covenant Christian Reformed Church (278 Parnell Rd. St. Catharines, ON). Please RSVP: 905-397-0502, or hildavk@gmail.com or ncheng@bibleleague.ca

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR - Celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary with the Libertas Male Choir directed by Martin Mans with special guests: organist Martin Zonnenberg, flutist Marjolein De Wit and soloist Jan Scheper. Saturday, June 3 at 7 p.m., Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St., Toronto; Wednesday June 7, 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 82 Kent St. in Ottawa; Thursday June 8, 7:30 p.m., St. Georges Cathedral, 270 King St. E., Kingston; Friday June 9, 7:30 p.m., Emmanuel United Church (formerly St. George United), 534 George St. N., Peterborough; Saturday June 10, 4 p.m. at Durham Christian Homes, 200 Glen Hill Dr. S., Whitby. Adult \$20, Youth (10-14) \$10, under 10 free. Tickets online: www.libertasvoices.com or at the door. Email info@libertasvoices.com Phone: 905.522.0001.

From Race Relations

FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION TRIP - The Christian Reformed Church is passionate about working towards reconciliation with local First Nations communities. This summer we're providing an opportunity for CRC young adults (17 and up) to respond to the call of justice while spending the week of July 14 - 22 on the Mishkeegogamang Ojibway First Nation reserve in Northern Ontario. You will get to know the people and ways of life of the community through volunteering as a Jr. Camp Counselor at Mish Adventures Camp, a children and youth summer camp that's been running for over 10 years in the community. Sound exciting? Want more information? Contact Carol Sybenga csybenga@crcna.org or 800-730-3490.

From World Renew

World Renew Famine Appeal - Severe drought and conflict has placed millions at risk of starvation in Africa. World Renew is helping feed hungry families in South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Nigeria. The Government of Canada has announced a 1:1 match for all donations made between March 17 and June 30 for humanitarian responses to this crisis. In addition, through World Renew's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your donations are eligible for a further match up to 4:1. With these matches, your gifts will go up to five times further! Please donate today to demonstrate God's love to millions in need. For more information on our response, please visit www.worldrenew.net/famine.

