

IRETON CHRISTIAN REFORMED NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020



April 1 Sheila Dekkers
 April 7 Ashton Weida
 April 11 Paige Fedders
 April 12 Sadie Fedders
 April 14 Priscilla Lockhorst
 April 18 Brian Gradert
 April 21 Brady Koopmans
 April 21 Jessica Vander Windt
 April 24 Bennett Hooyer
 April 25 Kynslie Dekkers
 April 26 Treyton Bonnema
 April 26 Arlin De Weerd
 April 28 Aftan Koopmans
 May 1 Angie Zomermaand
 May 3 Leah Schoonhoven

April 13
 April 14

Rod & Wanetta Vander Plas
 Benjy & Nicki Weida



Thank you for the prayers, food, and help during my surgery and recovery. God is Good!
 Howard and Sara Hulshof

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

MARCH 2020

Receipts:

Service Auction (and lunch)	\$ 11,856.00
Offering (February)	\$ 1,299.00
Total	\$ 13,155.00

2019/2020 Fair Share

ICS 31 students @\$1,925/student =	\$ 59,675.00
UCHS 11 students @ \$2,525/student =	\$ 27,775.00
Total Fair Share	\$ 87,450.00
Fair Share Paid	\$ 52,775.00
Fair Share Balance	\$ 34,675.00

IRETON CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
(abbreviated meeting because of COVID 19)

1. Call to order: Brent Davelaar opened reading Titus 2:11-14, prayer
2. Clerk handed out a summary of the Classis Heartland meeting held in Sheldon on March 7, 2020. Pastor Nathan Kuperus, Elder Marlin Schoonhoven, and Deacon Ryan Zomermaand were present
3. From the Elders-Motion from elders to suspend all church activities, which includes, worship services, Educational classes, Youth programs, Bible studies regardless of the size to follow Governor Reynolds mandate on March 17, 2020 and guidance from Interim Committee of Classis Heartland to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) for 15 days, April 1-MSA to be effectively immediately.
4. New Business-"how to do church" 1) Pastor will record both sermons on Saturday, they will be available by Saturday afternoon, the deacons and elders will be delivering the CD's to any member who requests for Sunday worship (it is also available on our Church website page or Church Facebook page), 2) Church will be locked during the week except Wednesdays (12pm-5pm) and Saturdays (8am-5pm). 3) Motion to Transfer Doug and Cinda Faber's memberships to Central Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA-MSA, 4) Wedding reservations at our church, Pastor Kuperus will talk with parties involved about the possibility of not being able to hold a wedding at our church.
5. Finance Committee-offerings are an integral part of our church life (monthly average expenses \$14,255) PLEASE continue to give whether by mail, automatic bill pay through your bank, in person (Wednesdays & Saturdays church is open), or deacons will come and pick up from your house.
6. Meeting was closed in prayer.
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (Elders 6pm, Full Council 7pm)
Lunch & Devotions: Tim Bonnema

Ireton CRC Clerk, Marlin Schoonhoven

Classis Heartland Meeting -March 7, 2020

Pastor Nathan Kuperus, Elder Marlin Schoonhoven, Deacon Ryan Zomermaand

- 1) Opening Worship /Constitution of Classis**
- 2) Officers of Classis Nathan Kuperus-Chair, Andy Vanden Akker Vice Chair, Robert Drenten Clerk, Mike Van Surksun Treasurer**
- 3) Welcome a) Recognized delegates and visitors, b) confirmed retirement of Andy Vanden Akker from the ministry**
- 4) Classis Nominations a) Home Missions/Leadership-Kevin Myskens (Sheldon CRC), Synod Officebearers from Classis Heartland Pastor-Greg Neyenhuis (OC Living Water), c) Elder-Duane Walhof, d) Delegates-Todd Zuidema, Jesse Walhof, e) John Klompjen Alternate, f) NO DEACON DELEGATE TO SYNOD - MSA**
- 5) Classical Ministry Leadership Team a) motion to approve 2 students for \$2500 $\frac{1}{4}$ x student, \$7500 for $\frac{3}{4}$ x student-MSA**
- 6) Testimonies are powerful Jesse Walhof/Gary Neyenhuis) gave examples a) Inviting people into your church, b) podcasts, use technology c) personal testimonies, d) be open and willing to listen**
- 7) Testimonies (Mark Klompjen) Challenge, Grace, Result-CGR different church paradigms required even in our own classis, but it all needs to be about God, most untapped source for our churches is testimonies**
- 8) Classical Education Committee (Aaron Gonzalez-Hospers CRC) Mrs. Lee De Groot elected to Heartland Classis Champion for Christ**
- 9) Safe Church Team-Tara Boer is a resource from Dordt University that works with churches on “church policy” needed within our churches, April 25, 2020 Safe Church Team informational meeting**
- 10) World Renew Report (Rod De Boer) Changing lives around the world & at home (IA, NE, SD floods), emphasized using renew magazine and sponsoring a “goat” to a 3rd world country**
- 11) Classical Home Missions (Tom De Does Ocheydan CRC) a) Ryan Pelton church plant has been 10 years in KC, \$5000 to Hospers CRC 2nd part of grant for music person**
- 12) Church Visitors (Heilman) a) Sheldon Living Water Community Church and found everything in good order**
- 13) Treasurers report (Mike Van Surksun) a)membership drop could affect total dollar amount to ministry shares, b) Scott Van Voorst asked for clarification/explanation from churches not making ministry shares quotas**
- 14) Overture (Hawarden CRC-Mark Klompjen) -mainly wanted a study committee on the issue of acknowledging women -DEFEATED**
- 15) Stated Clerk Report (Robert Drenten) a) motion for Classis Heartland Interim Committee to explore an alternate date for spring meeting, schedule falls on weekend when we lose an hour of sleep**

- 16) Classical Interim Committee (Mark Vande Zande) a) Classis Heartland and lakota met on Nov 22, 2019 & Jan 28, 2020 lakota desires Heartland to come along side of them to develop new model of Diaconal Ministry Shares**
- 17) Council of Delegates (Mark Vande Zande) a) Executive Director Dr. Steve Timmenrmans resigned amid difference of US & Canadian understanding by Board of Trustees and leadership**
- 18) Next meeting-September 12, 2020 at Friendship Community Church in Sergeant Bluff, IA (Agenda deadline July 18, 2020**