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## Minutes of a Meeting of CLASSIS HAMILTON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**Date:** October 25, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Venue:** Mount Hamilton CRC, 1411 Upper Wellington St, Hamilton, Ontario

Chair: Jeff Klingenberg  
Stated Clerk: Dick Kranendonk

Vice-Chair: Joel Bootsma  
Reporter: First Hamilton CRC Delegate

Synodical Deputies:

James Dekker	Classis Niagara
Ray VanderKooij	Classis Huron
Hendrick Bruinsma	Classis Toronto

Delegates:

<b>Church</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Ancaster CRC	Rita	Klein-Geltink	Pastor Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Gerry	DeBoer	Elder Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Jim	Bezemer	Deacon Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Everett	Vander Horst	Pastor Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Judy	Cook	Elder Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Jeanette	Lodewyks	Elder Alternate
Hope	William	Koopmans	Pastor Delegate
Hope	David	Guichelaar	Elder Delegate
Hope	Ryan	Haan	Deacon Delegate
New Street	Joel	Bootsma	Pastor Delegate
New Street	Irving	Bos	Elder Delegate
New Street	John	Dekker	Deacon Delegate
Faith	Homer	Lensink	Elder Delegate
Faith	Audry	VanderMeulen	Deacon Delegate
Calvin	Ken	Benjamins	Pastor Delegate
Calvin	Ken	Tigchelaar	Elder Delegate
Calvin	Luther	Andree	Deacon Delegate
Calvary	Gareth	Harker	Pastor Delegate
Calvary	Dan	Vanderkruk	Elder Delegate
Calvary	Dave	Vandermeulen	Deacon Delegate
Hagersville Community	Jeff	Klingenberg	Pastor Delegate
Hagersville Community	Aaron	Miedema	Elder Delegate
Hagersville Community	Henny	Arends	Deacon Delegate
First	Chris	Schoon	Pastor Delegate
First	Len	Moelker	Elder Delegate
First	Gina	Taylor	Deacon Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Anthony	Elenbaas	Pastor Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Martin	Joldersma	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Linda	Deys	Deacon Delegate
Mt. Hamilton	Bob	DeHaan	Elder Delegate
Mt. Hamilton	John	Floksra	Elder Delegate
Mt. Hamilton	John	Demik	Elder Delegate
New Hope	Ginelle	Bucher	Emerging Church
Ebenezer	Daryl	DeKlerk	Pastor Delegate
Ebenezer	Andy	DeJonge	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Jeff	Vandermeer	Pator Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Bob	VanWingerden	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Margaret	DeWeerd	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Walter	Kloostra	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Alicia	Hutchings	Deacon Delegate
Maranatha	Ben	Ponsen	Pastor Delegate
Maranatha	Jeremy	Brouwer	Elder Delegate
Maranatha	Jake	Termorshuizen	Deacon Delegate

## Meeting Details:

### 1. OPENING PRAYER TIME

At 9:00 am, Chris Schoon, chair of the Classis Ministries Team, welcomed everyone present, opened with prayer to ask the Lord's blessings on the deliberations of the day and introduced the worship team from Mount Hamilton CRC.

### 2. OPENING WORSHIP

- 2.1. The host church, Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church, began devotions by singing two Hymns. After singing, Bob DeHaan led in devotions. This was followed by a presentation of the new developments at Mount Hamilton by John DeMik. The main elements were a detailed explanation of how the church reached its conclusion to sell its current facilities occupied since 1954, showing the plans for the renewed building located in Mount Hope, and sharing that they will be welcoming a new pastor, Roelof Peereboom, early in January 2018. After these presentations, Tara Vreugdenhil shared about the ministries at Mount Hamilton and the community participation and outreach that will be possible at the new location in Mount Hope. The Mount Hope area is slated for further development as part of the City of Hamilton.
- 2.2. Joel Bootsma led in a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church of Hamilton.
- 2.3. After the prayer, CMT Chair, Chris Schoon, asked the delegates to engage in the following:
  - 2.3.1. To introduce themselves, what church they are from, and what they are looking forward to in their role as elder/deacon/minister this year.
  - 2.3.2. To pray for each other - personally as delegates and communally as churches.
  - 2.3.3. To pray with each other for the events, discussions, and agenda of the day.
- 2.4. The round table prayer sessions were closed in prayer by Chris Schoon.

### 3. REFRESHMENT BREAK (20 Minutes)

### 4. RETURN FROM REFRESHMENT BREAK AND ELECTION OF CHAIR

CMT chair, Chris Schoon, reconvened the meeting at 10:20 am and explained to the delegates that the nomination of the Chair of Classis is the responsibility of the CMT. He further explained that a person to serve as chair for the 2017-2018 year had not been willing to take on the position at the May classis meeting. For that reason the election of a person to serve as chair for the period ending May 31, 2018 needed to be dealt with at this meeting. A willing candidate had now been found in the person of Jeff Klingenberg.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Jeff Klingenberg is elected as Chair of Classis for the period ending May 31, 2018.

### 5. CALL TO ORDER

- 5.1. The new Chair of Classis took his seat and after a few brief comments asked the Stated Clerk to present the delegate report.
- 5.2. The Stated Clerk reported that all churches were present by at least two delegates and that all first time delegates had signed the Covenant for Officebearers of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis approved seating the delegates of the member churches as noted on the delegate list on the previous page.

- 5.3. After this the Chair of Classis **RULED THAT:** Classis Hamilton was properly constituted.

#### 5.4. Approval of Agenda

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** the agenda and the addendum as communicated to the churches and delegates were approved for discussion and action where appropriate with the additions: (a) that Ed Visser would receive a few minutes immediately prior to lunch to say a few words on behalf of the Regional Pastors and (b) that James Vanderlaan will have opportunity to show a brief video on behalf of Resonate Global Missions immediately after lunch.

#### 6. CANADIAN MINISTRIES PRESENTATION

6.1. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director of the CRCNA, was then invited to make his presentation. He gave a brief update of the activities of Canadian Ministries in that the primary focus will continue to be serving the local churches.

6.2. Most of his allotted time was devoted to explaining The Bridge App, its functionality and answering questions in relation to the proposal.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton will support and integrate the use of The Bridge App for all classis churches over the course of a minimum of two years in the amount of \$5,100 per year.

(**NOTE:** The payment for the first year of support will be made prior to December 31, 2017 out of the surplus resulting in the 2017 budget.)

#### 7. STAFF REPORT

Michael Fallon, campus ministry chaplain, was given time to augment his written report contained in the agenda with additional verbal comments. He also introduced one of the students at McMaster University who had joined his ministry a few years ago. The student, who was not from the traditional Reformed community, gave a brief explanation of why he had chosen to actively participate in the CRC ministry on campus.

The Chair of Classis **RULED THAT:** The written and verbal reports by Michael Fallon are received as information.

#### 8. CLASSIS MINISTRIES TEAM REPORT

8.1. Chris Schoon, chair of the CMT, highlighted a few items of the CMT's activities as well as the written report contained in the agenda. CMT is responsible to report for and on behalf of all the ministries of classis. Chris explained that CMT is reviewing the reporting process in consultation with CIC to ensure that all standing committees have opportunity to directly report to and engage with classis. The standing committees each presented their written or verbal reports at this meeting.

8.2. On behalf of the CMT, Chris presented a number of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

8.2.1. The first dealt with the requirement that the Chair of Classis also serve as a member of the CIC/BoD. CMT believed that this poses a problem for otherwise qualified individuals to serve as Chair of Classis since it imposes significant additional time commitment.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** The Rule of Procedure 13.2.4 requirement that the Chair of Classis also serve on the CIC/BoD is repealed.

8.2.2. The second dealt with an amendment to permit the Chair of Classis to serve as *ex officio* member of the CMT. This status would not require the Chair of Classis to attend CMT

meetings, but would afford that person the opportunity to attend the meetings by right if matters interesting to the person come up on the CMT agenda.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton add to Rule of Procedure 13.3.5.1 that the Chair of Classis serves as an *ex officio* member of the CMT,

- 8.2.3. The third item was a proposal to add the CRCNA Connections Coordinator as an *ex officio* member of the CMT. This will allow the Connections Coordinator to be informed of all CMT activities by right and to choose to attend meetings as this person considers beneficial.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** An addition is made to Rule of Procedure 13.3.5.1 to add the CRCNA Connections Coordinator position as an *ex officio* CMT member.

- 8.3. The Chair of Classis **RULED THAT:** The written reports from World Renew, Redeemer University College and Diaconal Ministries Canada are received for information.

- 8.4. Presentation by Classis Hamilton Youth Ministry Team:

John Bijl gave a brief update of the current and proposed activities of the team. He highlighted the retreat that had taken place from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- 8.5. Presentation by Classis Hamilton Campus Ministry Committee:

In addition to the written report provided in the agenda, Joel Bootsma highlighted a few items including the fact that the Mohawk faculty representative, Bob Brown has completed his second three-year term. Since the Committee has not been able to recruit another qualified Mohawk faculty member, they have requested Bob to serve an additional term. He has agreed and his name is on the ballot later in the meeting for election to an additional term.

- 8.6. Presentation by the Classis Hamilton Candidacy Committee:

Andrew Zomerman, chair of the CHCC, presented a brief verbal report in addition to the written report in the agenda and asked classis to consider and approve three motions.

- 8.6.1. To approve a special request for funding by Steve Dykstra to complete his Ecclesiastical Program for Ministry Candidacy in the CRCNA. This request came outside of the normal timeline. Steve had already obtained his M.Div from McMaster Divinity School and had not received prior assistance from Classis Hamilton. He is a member of Meadowlands Fellowship CRC and wishes to prepare himself for ministry in the CRCNA.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis approve a forgivable student loan to Steve Dykstra in the amount of CAD \$4,250 to complete his EPMC program at CTS during the fall of 2017.

- 8.6.2. To deal with the special assignment made by the May meeting of Classis Hamilton to review the current CHCC policy in light of recent developments at the denominational level. CHCC had reviewed the policy as well as the policies of some of the other classes in Canada and came to the conclusion that the current policy serves classis reasonably well provided classis continues to permit exceptions for compelling reasons.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton reaffirms the current CHCC policy with the understanding that CHCC may present exceptions on a case by case basis provided there are compelling reasons for making the exception.

8.6.3. To remove the "Procedure" part of the policy from the main policy and use it as a guideline for CHCC applicants. This will give the CHCC some additional flexibility to consider applications outside of the normal timelines. However, all recommended loan awards would still need the approval of classis within the funding limits of the CHCC.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton designate the "Procedure" part of the policy as a guideline for CHCC and prospective applicants, and that CHCC is authorized to consider applications outside of the normal dates, provided that all exceptions are presented to classis for approval and further that any awards resulting from such exceptions are within the previously approved funding available to CHCC.

8.7. Presentation by Classis Hamilton Safe Church Committee:

On behalf of CHSCC, Marian Lensink made a brief presentation to the delegates. She stressed the importance for each church to have a committee, a policy and an annual review. These are required to ensure that the church's policy as well as all legal requirements, including annual training, is being met.

8.8. Presentation by Classis Hamilton Home Missions Committee:

On behalf of CHHMC, Everett Vander Horst gave a brief verbal report augmenting the written report in the agenda. He then introduced James Vanderlaan who showed a video and made a passionate plea for classis to consider the important ministry of church planting. A discussion of the need for church planting in Eastern Canada (Manitoba border east region) in cooperation with Resonate Global Missions and the Church Planting Institute followed. After the presentation, Everett introduced a motion to once again begin accumulating funds in the church planting fund so that there will not be a sudden request for a very large contribution from the churches when a church plant proposal is actually put forward.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton again contribute to the church planting reserve fund annually by way of the budget. For the 2018 budget year, the amount of \$20,000 is approved.

8.9. This concluded the CMT and standing committee reports.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** The work of the CMT to date as reported to the churches in their Minutes is approved.

9. REGIONAL PASTOR REPORT

On behalf of the Regional Pastors, Ed Visser gave a brief report of their availability to serve the pastors of classis. He also stated that, although the pastors had been assigned to either himself or John Postuma, his fellow Regional Pastor, any pastor should feel free to ask to be switched to the other if that would make them feel more comfortable. Ed then closed the morning session in prayer and also asked for a blessing on the food.

10. LUNCH BREAK (45 Minutes)

11. RETURN FROM LUNCH AND PRESENTATION RESONATE GLOBAL MINISTRIES

On behalf of Resonate Global Ministries, James Vanderlaan showed a short video of comments made at Synod 2017 regarding the name Resonate Global Missions.

## 12. CHURCH VISITORS' SUMMARY REPORT

On behalf of the two Church Visitors Teams, Jake Ellens highlighted some items from the summary report contained in the agenda. He was commended by a delegate for presenting classis with a succinct and meaningful report.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton received the Church Visitors' Report as information.

## 13. DMC NATIONAL DIRECTOR & C.O. ART 12-c

Homer Lensink from Faith CRC in Burlington presented the request on behalf of the Faith council to have the position of National Director of Diaconal Ministries Canada approved as being consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word. This approval by classis with concurrence of the synodical deputies is required under Church Order, Article 12-c, before Faith CRC is able to proceed with extending the call to Ron Vanden Brink.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** The position of National Director of Diaconal Ministries Canada is consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word.

The synodical deputies concurred.

## 14. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE, JOSIAH BOKMA

14.1. Chris Schoon informed classis that Josiah Bokma has been called by First Hamilton CRC to serve as chaplain at Redeemer University College. Although the position of chaplain at Redeemer falls under Church Order, Article 12-c, the position of chaplain at that institution was previously approved as consistent with calling of a minister of the word under that Article as well as for a commissioned pastor under Article 23. The *Manual of Christian Reformed Church Government*, page 60, states that: "It is generally assumed that a position once approved does not need to be approved again even when there is a change in personnel filling the position." Although the position does not need to be reaffirmed, Chris asked classis to do its due diligence by assuring itself that Josiah's job description is consistent with the approved position.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton approves the job description of Josiah Bokma as being consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word at Redeemer University College as previously approved.

### 14.2. Introduction of Josiah Bokma

As pastor of First Hamilton CRC which has called Josiah Bokma, Chris Schoon briefly introduced Candidate Josiah Bokma to the delegates.

### 14.3. Practica Review

Jeff Vandermeer then proceeded with the examination in the area of **Practica**, an inquiry into the candidate's relationship to God and commitment to ministry. Opportunity for discussion was given to the delegates and synodical deputies.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis proceeds to the next area of inquiry.

### 14.4. Sermon Evaluation

On behalf of the sermon evaluators, two delegates from Ancaster CRC, Ancaster, Rita Klein-Geltink presented a verbal report on the evaluation of Josiah Bokma's preached sermon and the manner in which he conducted a worship service at First Hamilton CRC, Hamilton, on Sunday October 15, 2017. The reporter also provided a critique of the written Catechism and

Old Testament sermons submitted by Josiah Bokma. Opportunity for discussion was given to the delegates and synodical deputies.

On motion was duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis proceeds to the next area of inquiry. The synodical deputies concurred.

14.5. Biblical and Theological Position

Ben Ponsen examined Josiah Bokma on his biblical and theological judgment, competence, and soundness. Opportunity for additional questions was given to the delegates and synodical deputies.

14.6. Executive Session

The Chair of Classis declared an executive session and asked all those present who were not delegates, members of the CIC, or office bearers in their local churches to leave the meeting.

14.7. Motion to Admit

A motion was duly made and seconded to admit Josiah Bokma to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church.

14.7.1. Chris Schoon offered a prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the consideration of the decision at hand.

14.7.2. The synodical deputies were excused to prepare their recommendation.

14.7.3. The delegates voted by ballot.

14.7.4. The motion to admit Josiah Bokma to the ministry of the Word was carried.

14.7.5. The synodical deputies returned and stated that they concurred with the decision of classis. They provided a written statement to that effect. The Chair of Classis thanked the synodical deputies.

14.8. Motion to Destroy Ballots

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** the ballots are destroyed.

14.9. End of Executive Session

The Chair of Classis declared executive session ended and invited Josiah Bokma and guests back into the meeting.

14.9.1. The Chair congratulated Josiah Bokma on behalf of classis and presented him with the Classical Diploma. He gave him words of encouragement as he begins his ordained ministry in his position of chaplain at Redeemer University College.

14.9.2. The delegates were invited to come to the front of the room to lay hands on Josiah Bokma in prayer.

14.9.3. The Chair of Classis declared a recess to give the delegates and guests time to personally congratulate Josiah Bokma.

15. REFRESHMENT BREAK (10 Minutes)

16. RETURN FROM BREAK AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The leadership of New Hope requested the assistance and support of the churches of Classis Hamilton on 2 matters:

16.1. They asked the question of whether New Hope is required to pay Classical and Denominational ministry shares since they are not an officially organized congregation, and

16.2. They requested that Classis devote time at an upcoming meeting to engage in a thoughtful conversation about church planting, and request the opportunity to share some of what they have learned with Classis.

16.3. The Credentials Committee Recommended

16.3.1. That classis acknowledge the request of New Hope, and

- 16.3.2. That these requests be referred to the Classis Home Missions Committee (CHMC) to engage the leadership of New Hope and bring forward recommendations to Classis Hamilton.

The Chair of Classis **RULED THAT:** The CHMC proceed as recommended by the Credentials Committee.

#### 17. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

- 17.1. The Classis Hamilton Youth Ministry Team had requested Classis Hamilton to employ a Youth Ministry Catalyst for 8 hours/week at \$25.00/hour to support the youth ministry staff and volunteers in churches in Classis Hamilton, beginning fall 2017 at an annual cost of \$10,400/year and related expenses of up to an additional \$1,000/year.
- 17.2. The Advisory Committee moved that Classis Hamilton not accept the Classis Hamilton Youth Ministry Committee (CHYMC) proposal that Classis Hamilton employ a Youth Ministry Catalyst. The motion was seconded.
- 17.3. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to table the Advisory Committee's motion so that the CHYMT request could be discussed. The motion was seconded and carried.
- 17.4. A motion to move the request from the CHYMT was made and seconded.
- 17.5. After a brief discussion of the motion, a motion was made to table the motion of the CHYMT proposal to allow them to rework it in light of the comments made by the delegates. The motion to table was seconded and carried.
- 17.6. A motion was made from the floor to approve an increase in the budget to accommodate the hiring of a Youth Ministry Catalyst in case a request for the position is approved at the February 2018 meeting of Classis Hamilton. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### 18. CLASSIS INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

- 18.1. President Ken Benjamins introduced the report of the CIC and Stated Clerk as found in the agenda. He highlighted a few items, in particular the work of the Stated Clerk and the resolution of two written concerns that had been received.
- 18.2. Next he introduced the ballot for the individuals to be elected as functionaries and a nominee to be presented to the denominational Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
- 18.3. The ballots were collected by the balloting committee.
- 18.4. Ken then introduced the amendments made to the By-law in response to decisions made by Classis Hamilton at its May 23, 2017 meeting as well as the Corporation Meeting held that same day. He stated that the specific wording of the revised By-law giving effect to the previous decision should be ratified by the delegates.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** The amendments to By-law #1 as recorded in the agenda are approved.
- 18.5. Ken then introduced some amendments to the Rules of Procedure. The first one is to add a new subsection for the Church Visitors

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton add Rule of Procedure 10.1.2.3 which reads: "Asking whether the church is administering the 'Continuing Education Learning Covenant' for pastors and ministry staff as an opportunity for spiritual growth and professional training."
- 18.6. In addition he proposed to add a guideline for the Church Visitors to the Appendices at the end of the Rules of Procedure.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton adds Appendix #14.3 to the Rules of Procedure which reads as follows:

### Continuing Education Learning Covenant

Synod of 2016 approved the “Continuing Education Learning Covenant” which is an opportunity for spiritual growth and professional training for pastors and ministry staff. Education can be accomplished through workshops, classes, spiritual retreats, guided groups, online programs, or supervised individual study. Councils are called to (a) establish a policy for continuing education, (b) to establish the expectation that their pastor(s) and ministry staff annually engage in an appropriate program of continuing education for ministry, and (c) to hold ministers and other ministry staff accountable for obtaining continuing education and for the content of the programs. Classis has been requested by synod to assist the churches in an annual review of the learning covenant for pastors.

As church visitors we ask you the following:

- A. Are you aware of this program?
- B. If so, what steps have you or are you undertaking to establish a policy for continuing education?
- C. Are you engaged in an annual review of continuing education of pastors and other ministry staff?
- D. Do you hold ministers and other ministry staff accountable for obtaining continuing education? How?
- E. Have you provided ministry staff time to be engaged in this type of education?
- F. What resources/formats have you found to be most helpful?
- G. Has sufficient funding been made available for this program?
- H. Do you find the program effective?

- 18.7. The current Rules of Procedure requires at least two ministers to serve on the CIC. It has been difficult to recruit two ministers because of time commitment and lack of interest in administrative matters.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton eliminates the current second sentence of Rule of Procedure 13.2.4 requiring at least two ministers to be members of the CIC with the understanding that attempts will be made to recruit a minister when vacancies occur.

- 18.8. A request has been received to extend the licence to exhort previously granted to Albert Wolters.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton extends the license to exhort of Albert Wolters an additional three years until October 2020.

- 18.9. Classis Hamilton Budget

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton approves the budget and resulting classical ministry shares for 2018 in the amount of \$74.64 per active confessing member.

- 18.10. Approval of CIC and Stated Clerk’s Work

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis Hamilton approves the work to date of the Interim Committee and the Stated Clerk in so far as this has been disclosed in minutes previously distributed to the churches and reported in the agenda.

- 18.11. Balloting Committee Report

The balloting committee reported that the following persons have been elected or nominated:

Jacob Kerkhof	Church Visitor (Team B)	Term 1
John Bijl	Classis Youth Ministry Team	Term 2
Bob Brown	Campus Ministry Committee	Term 3
William Koopmans	EIRC	Nomination to Denomination

18.12. Destruction of Ballots

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** The ballots are destroyed.

19. PRESENTATION BY ORCHARD HOMES

20. Members of Calvary CRC in Flamborough have begun work on establishing a home for adults with developmental disabilities. They encourage all churches of Classis Hamilton to seriously consider how these individuals can be served since government funded programs are available only for the most critical needs. Currently there are many adults with significant needs who are not being served. Even if spaces are available in government funded facilities, these normally are not within a Christian context. For more information consult with Orchard Homes at: [orchardhome265@gmail.com](mailto:orchardhome265@gmail.com).

21. CLOSING DEVOTIONS

The Chair of Classis thanked everyone present and asked them to move to the sanctuary of Mount Hamilton CRC. This building will soon be turned over to Shalom Manor and it is not yet known what will become of it. He led in brief closing reflections of some of what had happened in that building since 1954 and closed the meeting by asking the delegates to sing the doxology at 5:00 pm.

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Classes Hamilton is to convene on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Maranatha CRC, York. Time of meeting commencement and details will be communicated in the agenda to be sent to the churches no later than five weeks prior to the meeting.