Visioning Team Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2013 • 6:32 PM • DYM Building Conference Room

Present: Larry DeHaan, Tim Deemter, Trent Elders, Mark Brookhouse, John Kaashoek, Bob Kuipers, Paul Scharringa, Mark Stob, Jim Hoekstra, and Dick Broene

I. Opening and Preliminaries

A. Larry DeHaan opened the meeting by reading 1 Corinthians 12:4–13. He reminded us of how each one is gifted for a different role, and we each have a part to play. He prayed.

B. All the team members, new and used, introduced themselves.

C. M-S-P to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2012 meeting.

D. Elections

1. Jim Hoekstra was nominated and elected team chairman.

2. Dick Broene was nominated and elected team secretary.

E. Terms

1. Tim Deemter was selected to fill Mike Dekkers term, ending in January 2014.

2. The other three (Trent Elders, Mark Brookhouse, and Tony Broersma) are to serve three year terms, ending in 2016.

II. Old Business

A. Purpose and History

1. Dick distributed copies of the Visioning Team job description. We reviewed how the team came into being and what our duties and privileges are.

2. Dick distributed copies of what the first visioning team saw as the important issues of the day, and explained how we came to focus on counselors and on prayer as the two priorities. We also discussed our recommendations that have gone on to Congress over the years.

B. Questions from Council Presidents

1. We looked at the compiled list of potential questions regarding congressmen. The men who had been on the committee last year said it wasn't exactly what we were looking for.

a. Suggestions for change included:

1). Eliminate the references to congressmen and make the questionnaire focus on tasks rather than positions.

2). Expand the responses to allow for more than yes or no.

3). Ask fewer questions.

b. What happens if we find that the communications are not getting through to the council? What will we do about it? That's an important question we need to answer before we undertake the survey.

c. The visioning team asked Tim, Jim, and Dick to reword the questions and bring them to the next meeting.

C. Friday Dinner at Congress

1. Larry asked Dick to explain for the new members what had taken place at Congress and what we were looking for.

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 3. Technology

  a. One member said that even the notes about technology that came from Friday's meeting are way out of date.

   1). Websites are being replaced with apps

   2). QR codes are no longer cool

  b. Somehow, we need to move quickly on technology (for young guys) and keep the old ways working too (for the older guys).

  c. Technology will never take the place of face to face engagement with people.

  d. We need to use technology for communication, not for technology's sake.

   1). An example of good use of technology would be to have web videos for showing outdoor skills. This also addresses the issue of boys becoming more "indoor," while Cadets is still "outdoor."

  e. We still want videotaped workshops at regional conferences. Maybe Calvin students would do this for free, to fulfill class requirements.

  f. Paul will ask Rev. VanOlst for his Congress speech and permission to print it.

  g. Tim suggested Calvin students can work for us, building web stuff. They could write and maintain pages with updates, etc.

III. For Next Meeting

A. Having explored the CCC Website prior to the meeting, tell us what is outdated.

B. Check the revised survey questions to see if they are what we're looking for, and determine the best way to use them.

C. As instructed by the executive committee, begin to look at the issues os structure, discipline, and militarism in the Cadet Corps, especially as perceived by others.

IV. Adjournment

A. Next meeting date: Friday, March 22, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the DYM conference room.

B. M-S-P to adjourn

C. Paul Scharringa closed the meeting in prayer.