

Facility Team Update

December 2008



FACILITY OVERSIGHT TEAM

OPEN DOORS

Dear *trinity* family,

Please read the **TIMELINE UPDATE**
on the other side

I am so thankful for the outcome of **Open Doors** so far. God has really worked through the people of Trinity to make this so successful. By nearly every measure, we had a spectacular response to **Open Doors**.

Financially, we had far more people make commitments and walk through the **Open Door** of financial sacrifice than what the norms would indicate. In terms of dollars, **Open Doors** raised nearly 3 times our annual budget. That is an absolutely incredible amount based on what all the consultants told us. Particularly given the current economy! Praise God!!!

But more exciting than all of that are the ministry opportunities and participation we saw as people saw opportunities to walk through the **Open Door** of ministry. (Whoever was responsible for this idea, it was nothing short of brilliant.) There are many commitments from people for new ministries they would like to start or that they believe Trinity could start to benefit our community and bring more people to Christ. That is exciting!

We were told to expect a lower than average attendance at the **Open Doors** Commitment Sunday Service. I estimate 750 attendees. That is at or above our worship average!

We were told by Generis that we could expect about 140 commitments based on our historical data. We currently have over 200 commitments and counting!

There were over 750 people that showed up to help with set-up Saturday night after the volleyball game. I was overwhelmed! And even more helped with the clean up on Sunday!

I firmly believe the impact of **Open Doors** will extend well beyond 3 years and will have an impact on people's generosity for many years.

I cannot help but see God's hand in all of this. Honestly, I get choked up every time think about this or share the experience with someone. And it is no different as I write this.

- Brian Hector, Executive Director of the Open Doors Stewardship Campaign

Stats from the Open Doors Stewardship Campaign

- * As of December 3, we have 202 pledges for a total of \$2,166,732.69, which is 87% of our \$2.5 million goal.
- * We have received \$104,970.38 in cash, plus some non-cash gifts of undetermined value at this time.
- * Twenty-two members have signed up for the monthly automatic electronic transfer of funds beginning on December 15th.

If more people wish to select this option they may submit their application by December 31st for transfers which would then begin on January 15, 2009.

Please use the envelopes provided for the *Open Doors* Campaign.

Please continue to give to the building fund and the benevolent fund and the general fund. Remember that the Open Doors Campaign is above and beyond!

TIMELINE UPDATE

You may remember that we had planned to have a vote on the facility plans at our December 14th congregational meeting. The date for that vote has been changed, so **there will be NO vote about the facility on December 14th**. The Facility Oversight Team hopes now to bring a recommendation to the congregation by February. The engineers and architects need more time. So, we will continue our conversations and our planning, and keep you posted as to the progress.

For the vote early next year, we plan to have all of the facts regarding the stewardship campaign, financing options, and project costs and budgets.

“Church buildings can have positive value not only as houses of prayer for all people, not only as hospitable sanctuaries for anyone seeking spirituality and hope, not only as tangible expressions of what we believe, and not only as substance and encouragement for our imaginations and affections, but also as markers for the sanctification of the landscape under the Reign of Christ.

Yes, just as the Sabbath is the sanctification of time, and tithing is the sanctification of money, so church buildings can mark the sanctification of the landscape.”

Daniel Meeter, in his article entitled “Tradition” in the October 2008 issue of *Perspectives*.

Would you like to contact us? Great! Anytime! We would love it!!

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