

Trinity Facility Oversight/What If Team  
Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 2008  
7:00 p.m. Family Center

Present: Scott Simmelink, Scott Heemstra, Dave Mars, Dave Van Den Brink, Brian Hector, Karen Barker.

Guests: Jon Opgenorth, Jon Nelson, Tom Van Rooyen.

1. Opened with Pastor Jon sharing from Proverbs 15:22. Jon and Jon and Tom are here to empower us and give us their support. We then prayed together, after which Jon and Jon and Tom left.

2. Choosing the architect/consultant/contractor team.

- a. Scott asks us to privately rank our choices.
- b. Then we give number rankings to those choices.
- c. One by one, we remind ourselves of the pros and cons of each. (Please NOTE: Not everyone agrees with all of the listed pros and cons. Karen just typed them as they were spoken.)

1. Arch, Inc.

a. Pro

- i. local
- ii. several churches
- iii. They did Carmel Reformed

b. Con

- a. Very diversified
- b. They don't eat, sleep, and drink churches
- c. Budget comes late in the process

2. CMBA

a. Pro

- i. Local
- ii. Ton of work in town
- iii. Great people
- iv. Working relationships
- v. TRC addition

b. Con

- i. Stuffy
- ii. Very few churches
- iii. Can they get/understand our ministry vision

3. DBA

a. Pro

- i. IA State grad (says Dave VDB and Scott H)
- ii. A lot of churches
- iii. Interested in kingdom building
- iv. Complete projects
- v. Acoustics focused

b. Con

- i. Distance from OC

- ii. Past work seemed to look very similar to each other; cookie cutter.
    - iii. Very small firm
    - iv. Dependent on Dennis
    - v. Presentation not as good
- 4. FEH
  - a. Pro
    - i. Done a lot of churches
    - ii. Very local
    - iii. Sioux County native
  - b. Con
    - i. Dean VR checking out
    - ii. Tech challenged (perception of Scott H)
- 5. Brown
  - a. Pro
    - i. Lots of churches done
    - ii. Only do churches
    - iii. OMR: Owner Ministry Requirements
    - iv. In depth
    - v. Discovery sessions
    - vi. Focus on ministry impact
  - b. Con
    - i. Did not meet architect
    - ii. 2 architects, 1 in NE, 1 in IL
    - iii. No emphasis on acoustics
    - iv. References not great
    - v. Rubbed wrong way
    - vi. No warm/fuzzy
- 6. Harvestime
  - a. Pro
    - i. High energy
    - ii. Budget/Design integrated process
    - iii. Not in it for the money
    - iv. Focus on saving the lost
    - v. Seasoned professional
    - vi. Ministry plans
    - vii. Vision – 5 year increments
  - b. Con
    - i. Did not meet architect
    - ii. Better in Atlanta
    - iii. Integrity
    - iv. Fundraising – too good to be true?
    - v. Distance not dead
    - vi. No prep before meeting
- 7. Cogun
  - a. Pro

- i. Most robust process
      - ii. Preliminary work before meeting
      - iii. Aggressive
      - iv. Only do churches
      - v. They will be general contractor
      - vi. Church health assessment
      - vii. Local subs
      - viii. National purchasing power
      - ix. 20% of their business of rescue business
      - x. Try to fit us.
      - xi. Multifaceted
      - xii. On-site superintendent
      - xiii. Use local engineers
    - b. Con
      - i. Long way away
      - ii. Resonated with Steve more than Dave
      - iii. Too green?
3. Shared our rankings
  - a. Dave VDB
    - i. Cogun
    - ii. Brown
    - iii. Harvestime (which we changed after pointing out that the banker made a mistake!)
  - b. Dave M
    - i. Cogun
    - ii. Harvestime
  - c. Scott S
    - i. Cogun
    - ii. Harvestime
    - iii. FEH
  - d. Brian
    - i. Cogun
    - ii. Harvestime
    - iii. Brown
  - e. Karen
    - i. Cogun
    - ii. Harvestime
  - f. Jodi
    - i. Harvestime
    - ii. Cogun
    - iii. Brown
  - g. Scott H
    - i. Cogun
    - ii. Harvestime
  - h. Jon O
    - i. Cogun

- ii. Harvestime
- iii. CMBA

*Cogun, it is!*

3. Spent time in prayer. Thank you, Lord, for such a clear choice. Scott S broke into spontaneous song.
4. Generis. Brian is empowered to tell them yes and all the others no.
5. How will we announce the winners of the photo contest? Karen will write it; Dave and Dave will do it. Youngest to oldest. Dave M suddenly remembers that he has to cover sound for Maundy Thursday.
6. Update on the In The Meantime teams. Rick Scholtens is considering being the leader of the ministry space team. Karen will talk to Barb Dewald about the other team (Video Venue) leadership.
7. We're eating popcorn in celebration, but Scott S keeps missing his mouth.
8. CRP. Dave VDB reports. 1600 trees. Worst case scenario is that we will have to pay 10%. Discussion of possibilities on the property with the CRP requirements. We need storm drainage. We can do a pond. There will be issues of sewer tying in with addition out there near the property. There is a footpath planned by the city. Lots of issues as we go. Good thing this team is so well connected, huh?
9. Sunday night. Leadership Team and Staff along with FOT will meet. Karen and Scott H will plan.
10. Next meeting is March 27, 8:00.
11. Adjourned 10:36 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Barker