

Trinity Facility What If Team  
Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2008  
8:00 p.m. Family Center

Present: Scott Heemstra, Jodi McDonough, Dave Mars, Brian Hector, Scott Simmelink, Dave VanDenBrink.

Absent: Karen Barker

1. The team reflected on what an awesome morning of worship this past Sunday was.
2. Brian H opened us in prayer
3. Facility Planning update (Cogun)
  - a. Contract has been signed, check sent, Cogun received. The wheels of progress are beginning to be in motion.
  - b. New address will be: 303 St. Paul Ave SE
  - c. Bryan suggested holding our first strategic planning meeting (3-4 hours) on Monday, 5/26. The team agreed that if it would work to meet on Dave M's boat that this might work. Scott H will check with Bryan.
4. Stewardship Campaign update (Generis)
  - a. All potential team steering team members have been contacted
  - b. Two have said yes. One said no.
  - c. Brian will continue to put the team together
5. Property update
  - a. Scott H did not get a fundraising plan developed as promised in the last meeting.
  - b. Trees hope to be planted on Saturday morning, 4/19, at 9 AM. Dave V is lining up a few people to help.
  - c. Scott H has two surveyors submitting bids to survey the property.
6. In The Mean Time (ITMT) team updates
  - a. Video Venue team is up and should be going
    - i. Discussion held on whether or not to expand the scope. Decided to keep the focus on the existing Fellowship Hall.
    - ii. Looking for a good "90% solution" to recommend to the LT by June 1, which is only six weeks away. Additional details will need to be worked out once the LT approves, or gives other direction.
  - b. Ministry Space
    - i. Team is formed and ready to meet.
    - ii. Dave & Dave will help facilitate the first meeting.
7. Communications update
  - a. Congregation update
    - i. The first "newsletter" is ready to send out. Will be mailed on Friday, 4/18.
    - ii. Time to start on the second "newsletter". Jodi will begin.
  - b. What If space questions
    - i. Personal letters to the three questions submitted were mailed on Monday.
    - ii. Scott H will follow up with a phone call on Friday and/or Saturday.

- iii. Scott H will send Jodi the answers to include in the Q&A scrapbook for the What If space questions
    - iv. Scott H will put the Q&A on the website
  - c. 10 Before slides
    - i. Several people commented that they were not sure what FOT was. Noted—the team will be more careful in the use of TLA's when describing the work of the FOT/WIT so as to not confuse people with so many TLA's. (TLA: Three Letter Acronym; FOT: Facility Oversight Team; WIT: What-If Team)☺
- 8. Trinity Ministry Visioneering
  - a. First night: April 20 is geared to those post-high school to 40ish
  - b. Second night: May 4 is geared to those 40ish and up
  - c. People can come to either night if they have a conflict on their preferred night
  - d. The Hospitality Team is in gear and is planning food for 75 people.
  - e. Hospitality team is taking care of childcare
  - f. Karen is working on the video. She is not done yet, but she has time—which means that there is time between Thursday night and Sunday night to accomplish her goal.
  - g. The FOT will meet in the Student center at 4:00 to set up
  - h. The evening will begin at 5:00
  - i. We will discuss until 6:30
  - j. The hospitality team is planning on cheese, crackers and meats to eat after we are done.
  - k. Suggestions to have the care elders contact each member of their group to invite them to the meetings. Key points to communicate: Come, start at 5:00, childcare provided, Fun Fun Fun with the FOT!!!
  - l. We will plan for 6-8 people for each table
  - m. Note takers will be the Facility What-If Team, Leadership Team and other Consistory members as available
  - n. Question as to whether or not we have clearly communicated that the focus of the evening will be on ministry opportunities brainstorming. The focus of the night will not be to discuss room size. Scott H will review with Jon O about Sunday morning's announcement.
- 9. Additional items
  - a. Dave V spoke with Pam Goslinga from the synod office in town about debt requirements. She sent information to Dave V about the steps to follow.
  - b. The team discussed the eventual formation of a Financing Team under Dave V's leadership. Each member is tasked to put together some potential names for this group. Email them to Dave V or bring them to our next meeting.
  - c. Questions asked and not answered: (Scott H will find out)
    - i. How much is in the Building Fund?
    - ii. What interest rate are we earning on that money?
  - d. Identified that we will eventually need a team that will take ownership of the interiors, colors, etc. We should begin to think through who might be good on that team.

- e. Next meetings:
  - i. Sunday, April 20 at 4:00 pm to set up for TMV at 5:00 pm
  - ii. Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm with the Middle School and High School students for TMV
  - iii. Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm to set up for TMV at 5:00 pm.
  - iv. Tried to identify meeting times in between these to follow up on any In The Mean Time teams' questions. Could not find a suitable date at this time. Scott H will follow up as needed.
- 10. Scott S did not break into song one time throughout the evening. However, we did acknowledge that last week's minutes did not adequately reflect that a duet was sung between Scott S and Dave M at one point in the evening.
- 11. Spent time in prayer specifically praying for Karen's stamina over the next few weeks.
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 9:30-ish. Two weeks in a row. Hmmm—what is the common denominator? However, this note taker desperately wants Karen to come back!

Submitted by Scott Heemstra