

Facility Team Meeting Notes

February 19, 2009

Attendance: Pastor Evelyn Dahlke, Tom Fischer, Steve Hinderaker, Susan Mattson, Sally Palm, Pastor Craig Pederson, Peter Radford, Jennifer Schultz, Cathie Witzel, David Raymond, facilitator, and Dan Scoggins, guest for part of the meeting.

Dan Scoggins started the meeting with his perspective about the role of the Team. Devotions came from the story of building the wall from Nehemiah, followed by a prayer by Pastor Evelyn.

We reviewed and discussed the Guiding Principles for our team's work. The 7 points in this document had been discussed by the Council at the January meeting.

The Facility Decisions Flowchart is a way for us to approach the decisions that need to be made for NEC to end up with a great facility solution. Most of the meeting was spent reviewing many of the facts related to the Flowchart.

This facility team is building on the tremendous work that was done by the prior facility team. The starting point is the "Listening Sessions" that were conducted during Lent in 2007, when members of the congregation were asked a series of questions about what is important in the permanent facility. A key response was that members wanted to have a beautiful sanctuary.

The fact finding included information about the 13th Avenue site, the Lowry site, the Holland school building, and the possibility of a "shared campus" partnership with another congregation. At this point in time both the 13th and Lowry options require more money than the funds that can be identified, but the team will continue to explore all options carefully and objectively.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 on Thursday, March 12 at the South Campus.

Pastor Craig closed the meeting with prayer.