

General Staff Meeting
Chan Shun Hall, Room 108
March 12, 2008

No. 21

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Erling Snorrason.

CALLED TO ORDER

John Baldwin

PRAYER

John Baldwin shared with us from the book of Numbers. He spoke about the colors of the fabric used to cover the furniture from the Israelite temple and the symbols and meaning he gleaned from that particular text.

WORDS OF
ENCOURAGEMENT

- Spring Break, March 14–23
- Health Plans and Benefits. We have good news in regards to our health premiums and some important news about the delivery of our benefits. PMC Youth Chapel, March 18, 12:00-1:30 pm and again from 4:00-5:30 pm (NO FOOD is allowed in the youth chapel). The meetings will be repeated on March 27, March 31 and April 16.
- 5th Annual Music & Worship Conference – March 27–29
- TAKE 6 Concert, Saturday, March 29, 8:30 pm, Howard Performing Arts Center
- International Food Fair – Sunday, April 6, noon–7 pm, Johnson Gym

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanda Swensen talked about the Thai Chi demonstration that was given on Tuesday, March 11. She asked some attendees to come up and share with the group what they thought of the event. About 45 people showed up to the Thai Chi demonstration and many have expressed interest in attending something like this again. Wanda said they would discuss the option of having this particular Lunch and Learn Wellness activity once more. She also encouraged everyone who had not attended a wellness activity to participate in the future.

EMPLOYEE
DEVELOPMENT –
WELLNESS NUGGETS

Larry Schalk made a presentation a few months ago about Andrews University's financial update. At this General Staff meeting he presented some new information and again shared the good news of an increase in the university's net assets. Compared to past years when there was a loss, it is good news to hear about an increase. He also shared what we should expect for the remainder of the fiscal year. It looks like the university will reach their goal for increased net assets. Larry also thanked everyone for their good work. It takes all of us to be successful.

EMPLOYEE
DEVELOPMENT –
FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bill Wolfer, chair of the Department of Engineering and Computer Science, came to talk about what has been happening in his area. The engineering department which began 3½ years ago went from a zero enrollment to 96 majors. Recently the engineering department received a donation from the late Bruce Lee, which is being matched with another contribution. This blessing will help them to be able to continue to grow their department.

CAMPUS ISSUES –
ENGINEERING &
COMPUTER SCIENCE
UPDATE

Bill also updated the group on the various projects his teachers are working on. Those projects range from a fire-fighting robot to vacuum tubes that could cut down shipping time to China to just 20 minutes! Gunnar Lovhoiden, one of the newer members of the department, was honored in *Time* magazine for having one of the best inventions of the year in 2004. This invention was related to identifying the veins in the human body using infrared light. To find out more about these and other amazing projects happening at the department, feel free to contact Bill or stop by the department for a tour. They are excited and happy to share their progress with the rest of the university.

Judy Nelson made a presentation to Dean Snow, honoring him for all his hard work and many years of service to Andrews University.

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH

Meeting ended at 5:04 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Erling Snorrason, Moderator

Marla Hayman, Recording Secretary