The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Daniel Agnetta.

Paul Petersen gave the devotion. He spoke about Ephesians 4:32, “Be kind to one another...” In Greek, the word for “kind” is “chrestos.” Dr. Petersen has been here at Andrews University for about four months. He said that he has encountered many kind people. He shared a story about an Andrews student helping a person with their groceries at Apple Valley.

Paul Petersen

Larry Schalk gave updates on the finances related to the upcoming construction projects. He told the group that the President’s Council discussed the need for a new academic building, the need for a new women’s dormitory, and the lack of funds. The Council recommended that money be borrowed because the need was urgent. The Board of Trustees determined that now is a good time to build and to borrow. Larry Schalk discussed the terms and figures related to the construction projects. He answered questions from the group.

Dick Scott discussed the construction planning that has taken place thus far and some of the upcoming activities. Plant Administration asked for bids and then held bid interviews, in order to ask questions and make sure the bids were accurate. There will be lots of big trucks and trailers with building materials on campus. Bulldozers are already in place for the tearing down of Griggs Hall. The small parking lot near the tennis courts will be the staging area for the Burman Hall addition. He answered questions from the group.

Audrey Castelbuono spoke about the development side of the new construction projects. They are working on a $250 million campaign to raise funds towards needed updates. Buller Hall is the main focus of current fundraising. We have already raised about $5.7 million towards the cost of Buller Hall. A faculty and staff campaign will be rolled out later. At this point, they are working to inform everyone about the new building projects. She answered questions from the group.

The employee of the month is Beverly Peck in Behavioral Sciences. Her service goes above and beyond in the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Thank you, Beverly, for your service.

Meeting ended at 5:01 pm.

Daniel Agnetta, Moderator

Julie Jones, Recording Secretary