General Staff Meeting
Chan Shun Hall, Room 108
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The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Daniel Agnetta. 

Ronald Whitehead gave the devotion. He told a story from his childhood about going to watch trains with his father. Trains are very powerful; God is powerful too. We all connect with Him in various ways. Some people connect with Him through music, prayer, reading the Bible and daily devotions. Without God we can do nothing.

Ronald Whitehead

Wanda Swensen gave a Senate update. Between 30 and 40 families were helped as part of the Christmas charitable event that many departments participated in. The staff officers will be: Lee Olson, chair; Jacquelyn Warwick, vice chair; Kathleen Allen, secretary; and Erica Slikkers, parliamentarian. There was a discussion regarding chapel attendance for faculty and staff. A suggestion was made that faculty and staff meet at a separate time once a month to worship together. There is a group of U.S. colleges and universities that is working to raise $1 million to help Haiti students pay for their education.

Ronald Whitehead shared that students have said their campus workplaces have a big impact on their spiritual growth. He also talked about Fall Fellowship, scheduled for August 13–15. The new provost Andrea Luxton will be at the meetings. There is a whole weekend of activities and meetings planned. One idea in the works is to give Andrews Study Bibles to freshmen. It is the hope that faculty and staff families would sponsor the cost of a Bible for one or two students. The cost would be about $35 to $40 for about 400 students. The group was supportive of the idea.

Rebecca May presented information about the upcoming General Conference Session in Atlanta. Andrews University will have a presence there in several ways, including a booth in the exhibit hall. At the General Conference there will be a transition of our board chairman. The GC’s Quinquennial report will be given out and it contains information about what has happened here at Andrews in the last five years. Rebecca shared a copy of Andrews’ submission for this report and pictures of Andrews’ booth layout. The booth will be set up in the gymnasium at some point in May and might be available for viewing. Andrews University also has student pages that will be helping at the session in a variety of ways.

Meeting ended at 5 pm.

Daniel Agnetta, Moderator

Julie Jones, Recording Secretary