

Minutes  
Natural Church Development Meeting  
February 1, 2009 12:15 p.m.

Attending: Pastor Jacobson, Jana Abbott, Tom Yingling, Joan Bowen, John Buckner, Mike Honas, Joy Leimer, Jeremy Koehler, Zoe Hoyle, and Anna Flynn.

Jana Abbott called the meeting to order; John Buckner led the NCD team in opening prayer.

Jana reviewed with the NCD team the results of the feedback gathered at the annual meeting January 25, 2009. 94 members were present at the annual meeting. We received 60 responses to Question #1 (What does loving relationships mean to you personally?) and 55 responses to Question #2 (Why do you think the survey results indicated that Gloria Dei should focus on the "Loving Relationships" characteristic?). David Shriner won the drawing for dinner with Pastor Jacobson.

Joan Bowen led the discussion on incorporating these responses into the affinity exercise to be conducted February 8, 2009 during the Sunday School hour. Joan shared with the NCD team how the affinity exercise should be conducted and the team reviewed plans and assignments for February 8. Prize drawings proposed by Anna Flynn were approved; several team members commented how the prize drawing at the annual meeting generated excitement and participation in the feedback process. Those members who attend February 8 and who did not respond to the questions at the annual meeting will be given an opportunity to give their input. The NCD handout distributed at the annual meeting will be made available for the affinity exercise as well. Jeremy Koehler will bring donuts for the participants in the affinity exercise.

Mike Honas led the discussion on the blast e-mail that is to be sent to the congregation to gather additional responses to our two questions. A blast e-mail will reach 217 individual members (not households). A draft of the e-mail was reviewed and finalized by the team. It was decided that the blast e-mail would be sent out on February 2 and have a response deadline of February 5 in order that e-mail responses can be included in the affinity exercise on February 8. Prize drawings will also be held for e-mail participants.

Jeremy and Joan will hold a separate session for middle school youth to gather responses to the 2 questions and conduct an affinity exercise with them. It was decided to conduct this session on February 15, 2009 during the Sunday School hour. Two prize drawings were decided for the middle school youth.

Upon completion of these information gathering and affinity exercise sessions, the NCD team will evaluate at its March meeting whether any additional groups should be targeted for feedback.

Jana asked the team to consider methods of keeping NCD awareness fresh and before the congregation after we have gathered all of the feedback and concluded the affinity exercises. This will be further discussed at the March meeting.

Those members of the NCD team that are available after worship on February 8 will meet briefly to review the affinity exercise results.

The next NCD meeting will be March 1 at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana D. Abbott

