

Minnesota West Community and Technical College
Pipestone Campus - Carpentry Program
Advisory Committee Minutes

A meeting of the Carpentry Program Advisory Committee was held at the Pipestone campus of Minnesota West Community and Technical College on February 21, 2008.

Those in attendance were:

Dan Scotting, Bornhoft Concrete, Pipestone
Jake Otto, Contractor, Pipestone
Darrin Tinklenberg, Building Inspections, Pipestone
Jeremy Whipple, Pipestone Building Materials, Pipestone
Shawn Bennett, Student Representative, Carpentry Program, Pipestone
Chris Schafer, Campus CEO, Pipestone
Luke Olson, Carpentry Instructor, Pipestone
John Dahle, Carpentry Instructor, Pipestone

Program Reports:

Luke Olson gave a report on the Carpentry II Program. The project house is sold. Two different parties submitted bids and the amount received was more than 6% higher than the minimum asking price. The last day of class for the students this year is February 25. It is anticipated that work on the house will be completed by that date. The Open House for this year's project house is scheduled for March 2, 2008.

John Dahle reported on activities of the Carpentry I students. The students have been helping with various activities at the project house this year and this has proven to be an excellent learning and skill development activity for the students.

John Dahle and Luke Olson reported on new tools and machines that were purchased this past year. Among those are two sliding compound power miter saws, a vibrating screed, power trowel, and power washer. The addition of these tools replaced old machines that were no longer useable and it also allows students to learn on new equipment and the type of equipment that is currently in use in the industry.

Luke Olson began a discussion on "green building" techniques that the Carpentry Program would like to implement in next years project house. Dan Scotting of Bornhoft Concrete Company will be sponsoring a workshop at Minnesota West for area contractors and carpentry students on ICF's (insulated concrete forms) and their role in green building construction. Bornhoft Concrete is a distributor for Amvic brand ICF's and Amvic and Bornhoft Concrete will furnish the forms to the Carpentry Program at their cost to help promote the concept of green building. The project will additionally be publicized to the area and community promoting the college and the sponsors in this building project. Jeremy Whipple, Pipestone Building Materials, will be contacting building material distributors he buys from for possible concessions on materials costs through a Model Home Program. Everyone agreed that this type of project would be good for promoting the Carpentry Program and Pipestone would be unique in the state to

have a green building project at the college. This would have a positive effect on recruiting new students to the program.

Chris Schafer has started the process to purchase a lot for next years project house. The lot chosen is the adjacent lot north of this year's project house.

Respectfully submitted,
John Dahle