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Our Do-Ocracy Wednesday session really started on Tuesday to accommodate Joey Lopez's teaching schedule.
Joey is a professor at the University of the Incarnate Word. He runs the Convergent Media program. Think social media, but think of a lot, lot more.
Joey has volunteered his services and those of two of his students to basically get the word out about 10BitWorks.
10Bit is sadly a closely held secret. We need work on our branding, and we need to tell our story to the world, not just to you lurkers on this Google Groups list.

Wednesday, we hosted 2 new people who found us as a result of the front page Siclovia photo in the Express News. It had to be Matt's big colorful sign that did it.
John Penry and
Calvin Kenpin are programmers at Fort Sam.
Greg gave them the 25 cent tour. You realize, of course, that 25 cents is 2 bits and that the "10" of 10Bit, in binary, is 2, and . . .
Oh, never-mind. If you have to explain a pun . . . it wasn't funny.

Jeremy (and Mike Perez by e-mail) shared their keys to the kingdom (a.k.a. passwords and how-to's)

The election of officers that was held Saturday has brought in a welcome rush of new blood, fresh knees, volunteers with ideas.

Mike Geris picked up the treasurer's keys. (Security Pacific, Dwolla, Paypal etc.)

Sue Baldor picked up the webmeistra's keys. (10BitWorks.com , the wiki, etc)

Don S became the repository of the master key and a thousand other things that don't quite fit in his head yet.

Kevin was there keenly into every discussion of what was going on and what needed improvement.
The fact that Kevin is half deaf makes him a very good listener and valuable sounding board.

Chris was there too, but left early not feeling well. Hope you're OK Chris.
James M came and went, but in between, he sat on the floor rearranging monkey figures. (what?)

So, 10 people on a Wednesday.

Don S took more measurements of the space and corrected the SketchUp model.
We got valuable input on the ramp from our guest, John, who's son is in a wheelchair, and knows a thing or two about ramps.
It's funny how talent shows up at 10Bit when you need it.
The animation was uploaded again at 1/3 the size. It should download to you much faster, and cleaner.
http://smelle.privat-server.net:8080/Smelle/Hall_Google.mp4

As Steve Jobs would say, "Oh, one last thing." We got word that the black-painted chests of drawers donated to us by Mary's architect friend, have sold for $450!
That money is going to be used to fix the yellow CNC mill.

In the past 4-1/2 months we have added:
- a studio space Nov 15.
- a laser cutter Dec 2,
- a foundry Mar 15,
- a second 3D Printer Mar 20,
- and now CNC milling capability (forecast April 15)

10BitWorks consistently punches above its weight.

The operating budget and membership have grown to absorb the studio rent. The new toys were acquired outside of the operating budget. We've remained in the black.
But be aware, people, we're going to need more dues-paying members, soon, soon, to pay the coming electric bills when the air conditioning kicks on in South Texas.

Don S