



Foothills Board of Trustees
Special Zoom Congregational Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2021

Board Members Present: Sue Sullivan, Andrea Delorey, Brendan Mahoney, Glenn Pearson, Doug Powell, Debbie Gentry, Sara Steen and Rev. Gretchen Haley (ex-officio board member)

Acting Parliamentarian: Chris Hutchinson

145 Members present (Quorum established)

Meeting called to order at 10:17AM by Board President, Sue Sullivan

Welcome and chalice lighting by Sue Sullivan

Sue Sullivan moved to approve the agenda and standing rules. Motion passed.

Rev. Gretchen thanked the Building Expansion Team consisting of Peg MacMorris, Jerry Hanley, Chris Bettlach and Margaret Cottam; the Building Expansion Finance Team consisting of Peg MacMorris, Julie Pass, Eric Martinson and Scott Denning as well as Katie Watkins, Director of Finance and Operations for helping to creatively and thoughtfully imagine the future of our building expansion, for their commitment to continue to build forward and grow through this time and for looking ahead to being a stronger church.

Katie recognized the Building Expansion Team for their continued efforts in focusing on the revised design and the Building Expansion Finance Team for calculating, forecasting and evaluating opportunities for funding this expansion.

Peter Ewers with Ewers Architecture presented the Revised Phase 1 Building Expansion Plan consisting of:

- New 400 seat sanctuary; A/V system; new chairs
- Finished Chapel level: classrooms, 100 seat chapel, storage, apartment, play/open area
- Existing east social hall door becomes main church entrance
- Light remodel to existing foyer becomes open office space
- New sanctuary connections to current social hall and RE building; additional restrooms

- Required changes to sidewalks along Yorktown Drive

Peter also presented the Phase 1 details of the Building Expansion Plan:

- New social court; connected to the memorial garden
- Overhead doors that will open to the social court from the existing sanctuary
- New stair and ramp from the west parking lot
- New stair and ramp to the lower level entrance
- The building will be solar panel ready

Katie then read the first sentence of the statement of Endorsement of Revised Design put forth by the Building Expansion team to “enthusiastically endorse this new design and funding package”. Katie then presented the financing package of this revised design and read the statement of Endorsement of Financing Plan put forth by the Building Expansion Finance Team to “endorse passing the proposed design with confidence in the church’s ability to meet the interest payments and fund the newly designed building project with a total cost of \$7.4M”.

Peg MacMorris then moved that Foothills Unitarian Church authorize the next phase of the building expansion plan as drafted by the Building Expansion Team and the Building Expansion Finance Team and as affirmed by the Board of Trustees. Motion passed with 99.3% of the vote, 141 yes, 3 no.

Sue added there would be multiple opportunities for congregational feedback and questions to be answered in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33AM.

Minutes written and presented by
Debbie Gentry
Secretary of the Board