



Foothills Board of Trustees
Approved Special Building Vote Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021

Approved February 21, 2021

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

Guest: Katie Watkins, Foothills Unitarian Church Director of Finance and Operations

Discussion of the motions to present to the congregation on February 21, 2021 as drafted by the Building Expansion team and the Building Expansion Finance team

Sue opened the discussion by reviewing the February 21, 2021 Building Expansion Update viewbook which included a letter from Rev. Gretchen and updates from both the Building Expansion team and Building Expansion Finance team.

Rev. Gretchen reviewed last year's Capital Campaign and the success of raising \$6M to fund the partial expansion of the church's physical campus. She reviewed how the different phases were broken down and in March, 2020, the congregation voted to proceed with Phase 1. In that same month, the pandemic became a reality and the building campaign was placed on hold. She reiterated that it was and still remains the plan to come back with at least a Phase 2 and Phase 3 campaign. Katie suggested that the question facing the congregation on February 21st was to decide if ministry and the board was presenting a responsible plan to move forward with the building expansion. After much discussion, ministry felt that the final design would be ready to present to the congregation at the February 21st meeting and if significant changes to the design did occur, the possibility would exist to bring those changes to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting in May.

Glenn moved to adopt the following motion to be presented at the February 21, 2021 congregational meeting: to affirm the recommendation from the building and finance teams to proceed with final design on the revised project with a maximum of \$1.5M in long term debt the authorization of a bridge loan to cover construction costs until the Capital Campaign pledges are fulfilled by the end of 2024. Motion passed.

Sue agreed to post this language on basecamp and to also post for review a paragraph from the board presenting this to the congregation.

Rev. Gretchen suggested the February 21, 2021 meeting be held between the 9:00 and 11:00 services and a preliminary meeting to invite questions from congregants who needed additional clarification be held February 17, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

**Minutes written and presented by
Debbie Gentry,
Board Secretary**