

VUUPoint
Board Highlights
March 28, 2018

Dear friends of VUU,

We have officially started our vision sessions with our chosen architects *Wendell Burnette Architects* to get an idea of what on-campus updates and improvements may look like. In our meeting last night, each of the board members was able to share their personal thoughts about how expansion would meet our growing needs and how it may look and feel. Rev. Andy and the staff had a similar session earlier in the day. It was exciting to think and share ideas and “dream big.” We could have talked about possibilities for much longer and it was apparent that we have a wide range of ideas and inputs. I invite you to also provide your inputs in the upcoming vision sessions April 3rd or April 8th. After all the input is heard, we will then prioritize those needs to come up with something that can meet our needs that will also fit into a feasible capital campaign budget to review in our June Annual Meeting.

Our financial status continues to remain in the positive and our finance team is reporting year-end estimate of meeting our budget with a potential small surplus. As we get closer to the end of the year we will be able to refine the estimate, but we seem to be in a very comfortable position at this time of the year when compared with many in the past.

We also reviewed the initial version of the 2018-2019 budget. The current list with all of the additions is above our budget slightly, so the board provided priorities to the finance team to help with moving forward with most of the new budget asks, and potentially doing all of them if we continue to have a surplus in our current year. To remind everyone, some of the new budget line items include Faith Formation Assistant (currently able to fund ½ year), Valley Interfaith Project, second service, minister and staff raises, and a few others. These have all come from our visioning process over the last couple of years and it is exciting to see that we are able to see them make it into our budget. We will have the proposed budget to review with the congregation during our congregational meeting on May 20th, and we will ask for final approval during the year-end meeting on June 3rd.

Again—a quick reminder to provide your feedback in one of the vision sessions coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Warm regards,
Paul Schneider
President
VUU Board of Trustees