

The Annual Meeting of the congregation took place on June 6, 2021.

The following is a summary (not the official minutes) of this meeting, especially for those who were unable to attend. It was a long and very productive meeting! We not only had a quorum, but there were more than 100 people still present at the end of the meeting at 2:15p. [See meeting slides here.](#)

- Fred Wooden gave a verbal **Report of the Minister**; you can find his written report in the [Annual Report](#).
- DeeAnne McClenahan gave the **Report of the President**. [Read it here.](#)
- The **Ministerial Search Committee** (Barb Quijada and David Sheh) gave an update on the progress of the search.
 - Their website is available at vu.u.org/ministerial-search-committee/
 - The committee has prepared a budget, begun work on the ministerial compensation packet, assigned roles and tasks, held a retreat, worked on appreciative inquiry, presented at three congregational conversations, created congregational survey, begun planning candidating visits, workshops, and service, and begun work on the ministerial search packet
 - Soon members and friends will be asked to take the survey and attend a cottage meeting.
- **Minutes** from the June, 2020 and January, 2021 meetings of the congregation were approved. (see [Minutes 06.2020](#) and [Minutes 01.2021](#))
- **Elections** were held and the following members were elected:

Board of Trustees

Mary Wolf-Francis
Debra Grande
Maria Dixon
Tom Briggs

Leadership Development

Kelly Mott Lacroix
Rosaland Hawkins
Barbara Face

Special Funds

Joanne McGrath
Anne Schneider

- It was announced that Libby Bean has resigned her position on the Board, and Dan Sapakie was appointed to fulfill the final year of her term.
- The **Finance Report** was presented by DeeAnne McClenahan. See the presentation here, including income/expense to date and cash balances. [See meeting slides here.](#) More information is available in the Annual Report.
- **Special Funds** – Joel Sannes gave the Special Funds (Endowment) report. The balance in the endowment fund is \$580,174, up from \$466,199 a year ago. Grants of over \$21,000 were made this last year and granting capacity for the coming year is \$23,000. Joel announced that Charlotte Ward left a remainder estate to VUU including real estate valued at approximately \$350,000. Special Funds will liquidate the property and the resulting balance should give us granting capacity in the following year of approximately \$38,000. More information is available in the [Annual Report](#).
- It was mentioned that the [Annual Report](#) contains details of the works of VUU for the last year, much of which could not be share today due to time constraints.

- The **Budget for 2021-2022** was presented at \$629,611, and was amended and adopted at \$533,711, subject to final approved of the second PPP loan received. The amendment added \$4,100 to the \$5,900 (total of \$10,000) to the Unexpected Repairs item under Property.
- The **Capital Planning Priorities** were reviewed, and the **Capital Campaign** was revised per the following motion which was adopted as presented.

“I move that the Capital Campaign begun in 2019 for which members and friends of VUU have pledged and donated monies toward the construction of a new sanctuary building be replaced with a Capital Campaign begun anew in 2021 (with contributions to be made over 2021 – 2022 – 2023) which shall be used for major repairs and renovations to the existing campus buildings.

Further, that those who pledged be asked to recommit to this campaign, and to revise their pledge as desired, including the increase or decrease of a pledge or the return of monies donated as the member/friend so desires.

These funds, newly committed or recommitted, shall be spent in furtherance of the master plan envisioned in 2018/19 by and with architect Wendell Burnette, and shall include immediate deferred maintenance items. The Capital Planning Team, reporting to the Board, in consultation with the architect, shall determine the priorities and timeline, and shall manage the contracts and funding of the construction.”
- A **Recovery Fund** was proposed and adopted per the following motion:

“I move that VUU set up a Recovery Fund, which purpose shall be to prop up the operating budget during the 3-4 year period following the pandemic, after fiscal year 2021-22. The Finance Team shall steward these monies. Members and friends will be asked to contribute approximately 25% of their committed capital campaign funds for a 3-yr period.”

Letters are being sent to all members and friends to encourage them to re-commit funds originally committed to the Capital Campaign (new building) to the Capital Campaign (Renovation of existing buildings). It was noted that the Capital Planning members and Board of Trustees have recommitted personal funds of over \$300,000 at a 76-24% ratio and encourage others to do the same.
- **By-laws changes** were adopted as submitted. [They can be reviewed here.](#)