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BUILDING OUR FUTURE

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

STEP BY STEP

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Happy New Year!

Thanks to more than 40 giving units (representing 75 members and friends), we have exceeded our goal of having \$30,000 in the Next Fund account so we can proceed with the rest of the exploratory work to build our future. By the end of January, the Building our Future Committee will have reviewed the proposals from the various architectural firms and at the next Board meeting, we plan to recommend an architectural firm to start the design work.

Monday evening was an exciting time for the Building Our Future Committee. It was our first chance to review the Proposals from three architectural firms in Williamsburg:

- Guernsey Tingle Architects
- Hopke & Associates
- Stemmann-Pease Architecture

Their detailed (more than 50 pages each) colorful presentations are in response to our request for proposals sent in December to four local firms. Carlton Abbott and Partners declined to respond citing a work overload. Each document includes information on the firm profile, capability and expertise, project understanding, staff and associate resumes, examples of projects underway or completed, etc. And each one provides a proposed strategy to help their team understand our needs and to gain congregational support for a common vision.

The BOF committee has an ambitious schedule for the next month:

- Review the documents noting the unique qualities of each firm.
- Conduct interviews with each firm.
- Carefully determine the extent to which each firm understands WUU's mission and vision so the firm can design a facility that is unique to WUU.

- Compare notes to narrow the selection.
- Prepare a recommendation for the Board.
- If the Board agrees, prepare a contract to engage the services of the selected firm.

Once all of this is completed, we will be ready to schedule focus groups on selected themes to enable the firm to start designing for our future. There will be many, many opportunities for congregational input and feedback throughout this phase.

This much we do know-each firm is ready to begin work just as soon as we make our decision.

The revised Timeline below shows that we have completed another milestone and we have moved to the next step of our work.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TIMELINE

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Congregational Meetings: Shown in Blue

Steps beyond Phase 1 are contingent on results of Phase 1

2013

PHASE 1 EXPLORATION

June	Board charges Building our Future
July 7	Kickoff Sunday
July-Sept	Visioning Circles
Oct. 20	Congregational Informational Meeting
Oct. 21	Evening Information Session
Nov 17	Congregational Meeting & Vote on proceeding through remainder of Phase 1
Nov	Prepare for architect selection process
Dec	Issue Request for Architectural Service Proposals

2014

Jan	Receive proposals, interview architects, recommend architect to board WE ARE HERE
Feb	Announce Architect Selection
Feb	Initiate architect/congregant focus meetings
	Begin Preliminary architectural design options preparation
May	Presentation & Review of building options
June-Sept	Fundraising Feasibility Study
Sept	Determination of affordable building options to pursue -vote

PHASE 2 FUNDRAISING

Oct-Dec	Capital Campaign commences
Nov	Architect proceeds with drawing of chosen options

2015

January	Capital Campaign concludes
March	Final Determination of options to build - vote
April	Bidding for construction
May	Awarding of construction contract

PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June	Begin Construction
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2016

April	Building ready for occupancy
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