

First Methodist Church Alvin
Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025

Mission: Make More and Stronger Disciples of Jesus Christ

Vision: Setting the Table for the Next Generation

Members Present:

Katie Austin
Suzanne Carso
Shary Horn
NA Keithley
Cathy Miglicco
Carol Ortega

Members Absent:

Kenny Carter
Kirby Dickinson
Chad Fontenot
Larry Huffman

Guests:

Betsy Burke
Roxann Corona
Matthew Gruetzmacher
Sarah Woodmansee

I. Opening Prayer

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Shary Horn opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Spiritual Formation

NA Keithley shared based upon Song of Solomon 2:15 which reads: Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. The perspective could be between 2 people, the Lord and believer, or the Lord and the Church. In Proverbs 6:16-19, the Lord (i.e., the mature fox) states 7 behaviors that He hates: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. These behaviors represent sins (i.e., the little foxes) of the heart, tongue, and actions that if left unchecked can grow into big things and destroy the fruit.

III. Strategic Formation

Item 1: AMP Update

Sarah Woodmansee, our Preschool Director, brought forward her AMP update:

- Currently have 118 students enrolls with 4 open spots.
- Adding a P.E. class and a 3-year-old class.
Currently have 11 classes, music, and P.E.
- Re-writing Job Descriptions and an Employee Handbook.
- Looking for ways to bring parents into the church!
- Would like to increase the pay by \$1.00/hour across the board. Some, who switched positions within the staff, would get a little more. Current starting pay for a teacher is \$13/hr. for an aid is \$11/hr. 23 hours per week (without Fridays and Stay and Play)

- 2025-2026 Estimate Finances: Take in \$368,125; Labor \$287,420; Revenue \$80,705; Registration (already collected) \$12,900. Total Revenue for church \$93,605. Last year's prediction \$94,000.

MOTION: NA Keithley made a motion to approve in full Sarah's handout of updates and estimated finances. Suzanne Carso seconded. Unanimous approval.

Item 2: Pastor's Report

Betsy Burke shared the following from Kenny Carter:

- Stephanie Harris' reception went well. She was loved on well in sending her off to the new season in her calling. So proud of our family of faith. Thanks to Roxann and all who planned this.
- Thanks to our Roxann who has worked so diligently behind the scenes ensuring the bank transition was accomplished and continuing to coordinate and manage our wonderful volunteers who are serving.
- Sarah has championed leading our children's ministry. Margret Bird and Natalie Mills are passionate and excited about serving in the children ministry. Thanks to Shary and Cathy who are so willing too in this interim time.
- Mexico Mission went well. Great ministry to our brothers and sisters in Mexico. Will be sharing trip in how the team was a part of how the Lord allowed us to be a part of his work in September (Date TBD).
- New sermon series 7 I AM's is underway: Bread of Life, Light of the World, Gate , Good Shepherd, Resurrection and the Life, The Way the Truth and the life, and The True Vine
- July 16th Ivey Pantry distribution
- July 19th Men's breakfast with Bill Hawk as our speaker
- July 27th Blood drive
- August 3rd Blessing of Back Packs
- August 10th Prayers for schools. Great time for our family of faith to show up in force at schools to pray for a great year. 3:15 p.m. Manvel Jr. High then to Stevenson at 4:00 p.m.
- August 10 – 17th Family Promise
- Fueled Up Family Night. Graphic is in place...Thanks to Mr. G. Betsy leading, coordinating Alpha training and logistics well. She will speak to this exciting time planned and scheduled training dates; Darrell leading the youth so well and his vision of Fueled Up Family Night will be a great opportunity to grow the church in engaging young families and uniting all generations
- Matthew is doing a wonderful job starting on our web page, social media outreach, communication letter, designing graphics and standardizing our brand of the church.

- September Town Hall meeting centered around the great ministry that God is allowing us to be a part of. What we would like to do? How you can help with serving and monetarily.
- Nominations committee will be meeting soon to begin gathering new leadership board candidates.
- Thanks be to God for all he has planned for HIS church here in Alvin to be a part of. Thank each of you for serving as leaders on this board.

Betsy Burke shared about the Fueled Up Family Night plans. The Alpha Series is an evangelistic outreach focusing on the basics of Christianity. Communication about the Wednesday nights has begun. July 27th and July 30th a 30 minute leadership training will be offered. Fueled Up Family Nights begin August 20th – October 29th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Church members encouraged to invite people and to serve.

Item 3: Update from Finance Subcommittee

Katie Austin and Roxann Corona shared the Cash Flow Statement for January – June. Our income for June \$74,735.71 and attendance has been up. Awaiting AC installation.

Item 4: Update from Trustee Subcommittee

Cathy Miglicco reported that Dan Neely and John Mize are both working. They will soon begin working on sound proofing the preschool room and covering the playground with mulch. Will be working on getting kitchen hot water and then will be forming group for kitchen update. The Prayer Garden has been delayed due to prioritizing the work load.

Item 5: Update from SPRC Subcommittee

NA Keithley stated that GMC needs two things:

- History of the church: SPRC will create it and present to the board in August for approval.
- Profile of Pastor: SPRC will determine how to obtain a second input from the congregation for new Pastor.

Item 6: Changes in Investment Accounts

Shary Horn presented handouts of the church's investments. These show our CDs' maturity date, the various accounts involved, and the interest for each. There are several accounts that may be combined for simplicity sake. \$22,000 was placed in a money market account so cash can accessed quickly when needed. Using the dividends has helped our church meet its financial obligations.

Item 7: Executive Session – Finance

Shary Horn

IV. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- A. NA Keithley closed the meeting in prayer.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on July 15, 2025.