

First Methodist Church Alvin
Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025

Mission: Make More and Stronger Disciples of Jesus Christ

Vision: Setting the Table for the Next Generation

Members Present:

Katie Austin	Shary Horn
Larry Huffman	Chad Fontenot
Kenny Carter	Cathy Miglicco
Kirby Dickinson	Carol Ortega

Members Absent:

Suzanne Carso
NA Keithley
Guests:
Roxann Corona

I. Opening Prayer

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

II. Spiritual Formation

Shary Horn based her sharing on Daniel, a very resilient person. The story of King Nebuchadnezzar asking his chief eunuch to bring children without any physical defect, handsome and gifted. The king assigned them food from his table and wine. Daniel said that even though we're in the midst of this situation, we're not a part of it. He took a stand without being rude communicating with the eunuch to let them eat vegetables and drink water but the eunuch was afraid of the king. Daniel convinced the head steward to let them eat vegetables and drink water for 10 days and then compare with the Babylonians. In the end, they looked healthier and better nourished than the Babylonians. So, others in the kingdom changed. Daniel won over the enemy and found favor, not worrying about what the chief eunuch and the steward thought. Shary equated this with our dealings with GMC. NA Keithley was bold in wisdom and communicating that our church needed Kenny Carter as our pastor. GMC made an exception to their policies. Thank you, Lord.

III. Strategic Formation

Item 1: Pastor's Report

Kenny shared the following:

- Sermons September 7-November 9:
What about you? Jesus key questions. Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your heart? Luke 24:38 Why do you call me Lord, Lord and not do what I say? Luke 6:46 Do you love me? John 21:16 Where is your faith? Luke 8:25
From a biblical perspective, what being a part of the Jesus Community means: 1. The Body, 2. The Family, 3. The Bride, 4. The building

- Baptisms celebrate and give thanks – Ella and Russell Barmore. Prayer for our Preschool teachers went well. Town Hall went very well and thankful for our leadership.
- September 17th Ivey Pantry Distribution Wednesday
- Wednesdays Fueled Up Family Night. 99 attended last Wednesday.
- September 20th Men's Breakfast
- October starting staff evaluations
- October 30th Fall Festival planning underway
- November 5th Annual Fish Fry
- November 30-December 24 Advent
- Leadership Board applications for candidates proceeding. Choosing Nominating Committee.
- Budget planning underway. Sarah and Roxann's salaries need to be adjusted.
- Team working on ministries brochure of offering places to serve
- Team working on editable directory (Christy White Photography)

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.

Item 2: Update from Finance Subcommittee

Katie Austin and Roxann Corona provided Cash Flow Statements-2025 handout. AMP funds were added in August. There is \$27,000 in bank for decent cash flow to pay bills. God is really good. Finance committee will address 10% tithe for fundraisers at their next meeting.

MOTION: Katie Austin made a motion to pay our new senior pastor, Kenny Carter's salary package. Larry Huffman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Item 3: Update from Trustee Subcommittee

Cathy Miglicco shared the following:

- September 18th Kitchen meeting
- Completed jobs: revised wall policy
- Pending jobs: power wash front brick sign to clean and read First Methodist Church, chancel lights on hold
- Coming: building room numbers being changed pending fire inspection, new atrium doors with crash bars-bid \$7100, 2 side doors to sanctuary and door into sanctuary-bid \$3000, storage cabinet outside Roxann's office-bid \$2500, redo office kitchen to meet ADA requirements-bid \$5000, Mathew G.'s desk-bid \$1000,
- New Issues: Security Committee to develop security communication protocols, getting bids for Sunday School room carpets smelling, fix upstairs' choir room-bid \$50,000.

MOTION: Cathy Miglicco made a motion to approve a maximum of \$11,000 for proximity card readers for the doors and fiber optic cable for the church. Katie Austin seconded. Unanimous approval.

Item 4: Update from SPRC Subcommittee

NA Keithley absent.

Item 5: Adopt Guiding Principles 2025

Minutes corrected and approved.

Shary Horn asked board to read through the Guiding Principles.

Item 6: Executive Session

Shary Horn

Kenny Carter

IV. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

A. Kenny Carter closed the meeting in prayer.

B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. on September 16, 2025.