

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church
Board of Stewards Minutes- April 24, 2025

Present: David Kinder, Renee Kizziar, Johnny Boyd, Dan St. Romain, Randy Holmes, Doran Dennis, James L. Smith

Staff Present: Jason Adams, Reed McNitzky, Janet Weatherston, Valerie Slade, Lindsay Hannah

Absent: Dianne Dorsett, Steve Waters, Pat Crump, Carrie Lobasso, Hill Ojeda, Brian Nash, Thad C. Ziegler, Caroline Wernli, Amy Willcox, Brian Griffin

Staff Absent: Linda Baumheckel, Chris Estus, Darrell Smith, Donna Strieb

Welcome- David Kinder

Prayer- Reed McNitzky

Approval of March Minutes- Johnny Boyd approved, Renee Kizziar seconded. Approved.

Arts for All Update- Nona Schwab and Angela Leonhart

- Started 2 years ago- dreams of offering after school program for children which focused on the arts. Finishing year 2- dream is taking shape and happening. Goal is to reach underprivileged children and to expand a grade level. For the 2025–2026-year, 7th grade will be added, which will mean adding more teachers. HEB donated gift cards to the program. David Kinder asked if we could approach HEB about getting additional gift cards. Nona said that was a good idea. David said he would work on that. Johnny asked what the cash requirement is to run the program for a year. Nona said \$22.5K. More information included in the attachment.

Trustees Report- Valerie Slade (Steve Waters not present)-

- Sanctuary Handicap Accessibility – has been installed. James Smith said what a great job they did.
- Fence replacement- not started but in the queue. Will take place in the area around the chiller yard. Replacing long wall and will install a gate that makes it easier to get in.
- WDS Ballistic Film- last summer, ballistic film installed on doors going into the school (phase 1). Ballistic film will be installed on the windows next (phase 2).

- Grow Together Campaign- vision statement is draft at this point. Jason Adams and Valerie Slade will have training the week of April 28th. Next steps are meeting with the financial leaders of the church and finalizing a vision statement that incorporates the church's purpose statement.

Finance Report- Johnny Boyd-

- March receipts were more than expected by \$7.6K. This was largely attributable to higher than planned tithes from regular contributors. While plate cash was slightly lower than budgeted, it was more than offset by deposits received for future weddings. Household givers were 308 with a per capita giving of \$573. There were 6 new givers in plate cash for the month. YTD receipts were ahead of projections by \$83.6K.
- March disbursements were less than projected by \$21.7K. This was primarily driven by positive variances for salaries and benefits, maintenance and programs. Maintenance expenses were favorable due to lower than planned costs for utilities. Programs were less than anticipated because VBS registration fees were collected while the related expenses have not been incurred. Because of healthy receipts, we paid our apportionment balance for the month.
- Overall, March's net results were more than expected by \$29.3K and YTD net results exceeded projections by \$107.2K.

Foundation- Renee Kizziar-

- Balance is about \$7M. There were 2 donations given to the church in the first quarter. A \$100K anonymous donation was given – it is a restricted fund to be used for mission and outreach in the San Antonio area. It has been accepted by the Foundation Committee. It is invested in a loan fund with Texas Methodist Foundation. A \$20K anonymous donation was given- it is an unrestricted gift. Last year, the Foundation, at the recommendation of Ed Benson, derisked its assets and moved amounts from equity to loan funds. Currently, the Foundation has about 72% invested in equities. Before derisking, the Foundation had about 90% invested in equities.

SPRC- Valerie Slade-

- There has been staff turnover in the last month. Gabe Munoz, who was the youth ministry associate, has taken another job. The church is recruiting for this position, as well as a summer intern in the youth ministry department. Devin Torres, who was

on the maintenance team, has also left the church. The church is recruiting for this position. Gabe Garza is helping the church by filling in for Devin during this time.

Senior Pastor's Comments- Jason Adams-

- We give thanks for our financial position and well as the growth in our ministries. Most importantly, we need to keep our eyes on Christ. With growth comes stress. Growing can be more difficult than declining. As we move into phase 1 of the Grow Together Campaign, let's focus on our shared vision and shared goal. We're moving forward. This is an exciting time for the church. We give thanks to God.

Chairman of the Board's Comments- David Kinder-

- This past Sunday, Easter Sunday, was packed. That takes work. We are growing. It's **amazing that we are where we are. We are united in that Christ is our beacon.**

Closing Prayer- Jason Adams

Addendum included:

Grants in Progress

Grant Name	Date of Grant	Amount <u>Pending</u>
Earl C. Sams Foundation	November 2024 <u>June 2025</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
Texas Methodist Foundation	Apply November 2025	
Moody Endowment Fund	Submit letter of inquiry	
Kronkosky Foundation	Submit inquiry	
San Antonio Area Foundation		
Mid America Arts Alliance		
Metro Mission Board	Apply March & September 2025	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
Methodist Healthcare	Apply September 2025	