

Alamo Heights UMC
Board of Stewards – Minutes
August 15, 2024
5:00 pm in W100

In Attendance: David Kinder, Charles Johnson, James L. Smith, Jack Rodgers, Brian Griffin, Johnny Boyd, Doran Dennis, Brian Nash, Renee Kizziar, Roger Lind (via Zoom), Thad Ziegler, Renee Kizziar (guest)

Staff in attendance: Jason Adams, Linda Baumheckel, Darrell Smith, Valerie Slade, Lindsay Hannah

Secretary: Laura Peel

Welcome David Kinder
David called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Prayer Linda Baumheckel

Approval of June Minutes David Kinder
There were no corrections.
Brian Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes.
Jack Rodgers seconded the motion.
The minutes were approved.

Finance Report Johnny Boyd/
Lindsay Hannah

Johnny Boyd gave an update on Lindsay Hannah and how she is doing a fantastic job!

Lindsay Hannah went over some highlights in the finance report:
Ahead of planned budget for use of facilities – main reason b/c we hosted the 5 Day Academy for Spiritual Direction.
Spent less than planned in salaries – actuals better than budgeted.
Apportionments – getting closer to being caught up for the year.
Maintenance – somewhat over for the year – timing of when the invoices were received/paid is the main cause for that. Unexpected expenses (pipe burst, landscaping) affected this.
July – expenses about \$7K better than planned.
July was a good month. Hoping it continues.
Jason said about the budget in general: have to keep in mind that it doesn't all go exactly as planned as was budgeted.

Care Ministry Report Linda Baumheckel
Pastor Linda gave an update on the 30 days of prayer campaign for our 30th Anniversary of the Basse Road campus.

Member James L. Smith has joined Pastor Linda with doing services at the Forum. They are offering communion each week. Averaging about 25 people in worship there. And at Juniper Village on Wednesday mornings. Linda is working to foster interest in Lunch Bunch at Juniper. We have 3 Stephen Ministers and 7 team members of the Prayer Team.

Trustees

Brian Nash/
Valerie Slade

1. Building Washing Update: Going well for the most part. Scheduled to complete around Sept 13. Will have a little bit of painting to do after the washing.
2. Boiler Update: was scheduled to start July 29. Delays in shipping, so now starting Sept. 9. Shouldn't experience any inconveniences during the install.
3. Property Sale Update: NE corner; called charge conference on Sept 8 to vote on whether or not to move forward on the sale of the property.
4. Charge Conference Q & A: Give the congregation the opportunity to share thoughts/ask questions before the BOS takes the final vote on selling of the property *For Jason, this is about us being good stewards of what God has blessed us with.

Senior Pastor's Comments

Jason Adams

Following Bishop Schnase retiring, our new Bishop Cynthia Harvey will be in worship with us here on Sept 1. She will remain in Houston area, but will oversee our conference as well. She will be doing an on-boarding with the district on Sept 7. On Oct 17, from 7-8 she will be here to meet people from the district. Last year, in Dec., we had a called annual conference. Right now we have 6 churches continuing in the disaffiliation process. Dec. 7 - There will be a short called annual conference for them to officially leave and then there will be a worship service afterwards.

Question from Charles Johnson: about the conference offices and if there were layoffs?

Jason answered: Bishop Schnase saw the need to start cutting the # of DS's we have. He was looking ahead to the changes coming with the disaffiliations. Many DS's oversee 2 districts. Also cut apportionments. We will now have 3 districts in our conference. Our conference has lost 35% of our churches to disaffiliations. Were able to put some of our DS's back out in pastoral positions.

The Conference office - working on selling the building & the Conference would lease back and occupy the 2nd floor of the building. Have not really had layoffs - more attrition (when someone retired or left, they did not replace).

The plan is to combine the Northwest Texas Conference, Central Texas Conference and North Texas Conference into one. Our new bishop has stated she is not looking to combine our Rio Texas conference with the Texas Conference.

DUO Campaign: Do Unto Others yard signs passed out. Jason encouraged all to support this because he believes the love of Jesus Christ is the only thing that is going to help us break the current hatred that we are seeing in the political atmosphere in our society.

Board Chairperson Comments

David Kinder

2 important events

- 1) Charge Conference: people will have differing opinions. We need to show empathy when talking with people. David feels we will be tested. He challenged us to see, listen & feel what other people are feeling.
- 2) DUO Sign Campaign – very important

Closing Prayer

Jason Adams

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Next meeting-September 19, at 5 pm