

Alamo Heights UMC
Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024

In Attendance: David Kinder, Steve Waters, Roger Lind, Johnny Boyd, Doran Dennis, Brian Griffin, James L. Smith, Charles Johnson, Brian Nash, Thad C. Ziegler, Jack Rodgers

Staff in Attendance: Jason Adams, Linda Baumheckel, Donna Strieb, Reed McNitzky, Darrell Smith, Valerie Slade (via Zoom), Lindsay Hannah

Secretary: Laura Peel

Welcome David Kinder
David called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Donna Strieb

Approval of October Minutes David Kinder
There were no corrections.
Johnny Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Steve Waters.
The minutes were approved.

October Financials Lindsay Hannah
-Comparing month to date to the month to date actuals. Gen rev & plate down for the month. Looks like November is going to be pretty good, but October was down. Some differences in weddings – prepaid in October.
-Actuals better than planned for Use of Facilities events.
-Overall actuals to budget were down by 12k
-Apportionments over planned but that is a good thing. We are caught up for as far as what we planned.
-Nov musicians paid early as well as upgraded technology for modern worship band. Down by about 9K
-Year to date actual (through Oct) – amounts higher than they were this time last year.
-We are close to budget. Under by about \$4600. Expenses – salaries a big difference.
-Maintenance higher than planned – HVAC, irrigation & maintenance
-Variance better than planned by 94K

2025 Preliminary Budget Johnny Boyd
Johnny presented the proposed 2025 Budget to the Board.
This is the 1st go round.
Individuals who put this together worked very hard to be conservative.
When looking at this, it does project a deficit. That deficit is less than we projected for 2024. Fortunately, we have been able to wind up in surplus the past few years.

Important for us as we move forward to look towards a capital campaign and other ways to not operate in a deficit budget.

Foundation Budget will be presented to the Foundation committee on Dec. 3. It has not been approved as of yet.

Question asked: Is apportionment amount for next year a fixed number? Valerie Slade answered that yes, it is.

Question asked about missions budget: Is \$3K all we allot for missions. Valerie Slade explained that is an admin cost that Janet can use to implement programs.

Trustees

Steve Waters
or Designate

Did not meet this past month.

NE Corner lot update:

Change from a ground lease to a sale has generated interest in the marketplace. Expect it to increase, especially after the holidays.

Working on rezoning – cannot sell at the current zoning of multi-family.

Civil engineer recommended land use law firms to use.

Question: Where does the \$ for the rezoning work come from. Expenses are coming out of Cap x budget. We are keeping track of those. Once the sale goes through, we will reimburse those expenses.

Senior Pastor's Comments

Jason Adams

This week, been putting together some areas we are seeing growth in:

Had 36 large events here this year (up from previous year)

We want to be a place where the community can gather.

Copious amounts of recovery groups that use our facility on a weekly basis.

Things to really be proud of - making a difference. People rely on our church for hope, for healing, for caring.

St. Matthews UMC – Dec 8 @ 3:00 – having our charge conference. We need our BOS there because the board members are the ones who can vote.

Stewardship campaign – can't really update yet because the campaign is only a couple of weeks old. Jason encouraged everyone to turn in a commitment card.

Chairman of the Board's Comments

David Kinder

Two weeks ago at the service, Jason gave a great sermon on comparing up versus comparing down. David has been thinking about it and talking to people about this concept.

David shared a Thanksgiving prayer from Dear Abby. He gave some background on Abby and her twin sister Ann Landers. David read the prayer. Encouraged people to pay attention to each line in the prayer that comes after the comma. The most important

words are what come after the comma. Remember all those who don't have it as fortunate as we do.

Closing Prayer

Jason Adams

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Charge Conference-December 8 at 3 p.m.
St. Matthews UMC
2738 MacArthur View, 78217