

Alamo Heights UMC

Board of Stewards – Agenda & Meeting Notes

August 21, 2025
5:00PM in Room W100

<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	Name	Title
X		David Kinder	Chair
X		Dianne Dorsett	Vice Chair
X		Steve Waters	Chair Trustees
X		Renee Kizziar	Chair Foundation
X		Pat Crump	Chair SPRC
	X	Johnny Boyd	Chair Finance
	X	Dan St. Romain	Lay Leader
X		Vanessa Konkol	Secretary
X		Carrie Lobasso	Finance
X		Hill Ojeda	Finance
X	X	Steve Waters	Trustee Chair
	X	Brian Nash	Trustee
X		Thad C. Ziegler	Trustee
X		Caroline Wernli	SPRC
X		Randy Holmes	SPRC
	X	Amy Willcox	SPRC
X		Doran Dennis	At-Large
X		Brian Griffin	At-Large
X		James L. Smith	At-Large
X		Rev. Jason Adams	Senior Pastor
	X	Rev. Linda Baumheckel	Congregational Care Pastor
	X	Rev. Chris Estus	Recovery Pastor
X		Reed McNitzky	Modern Worship Pastor
X		Darrell Smith	Discipleship & Communications Pastor
X		Donna Strieb	Spiritual Formation & Taize Worship Pastor
	X	Janet Weatherston	Missions & Outreach Pastor
X		Valerie Slade	Executive Director
X		Lindsay Hannah	Finance Director

Welcome – David Kinder

Prayer - Donna Strieb

Approval of June Minutes – David Kinder:

- MOTION 1st: James Smith
- MOTION 2nd: Dianne Dorsett
- DECISION: Passes

Resolution to Approve Lindsay Hannah to Accept and Transact - Valerie Slade

- DECISION: Passes
- DOCUMENTATION: Sign-off complete on form

Foundation Report - Renee Kizziar provided a summary of the Foundation meeting, which met in late July: Foundation discussed options to vary communication from dinner format. Johnny [Boyd] & Renee to meet with Sunday School classes, Lunch Bunch, etc. During All Saints Day, a video will be shared with the broader church about the Foundation. The Foundation supports the church. For example, Over \$250K has been provided in 2025 for regular church support, including summer camp, the Steinway piano, music, and outreach, to name a few. The endowment earnings go in this direction. Jason is the Nominating Chair of the Foundation team and I see the Lord's hand on such dedicated and active committees who supervise investments to support charities. We are heavy equity. We do a number of loan funds with TMF / fixed income earning investments, where we get a stated rate. The Foundation is looking at the body of funds, which underlying group of funds looking at a broader investment option. \$50k is the minimum investment for a restriction.

Grow Together Campaign: Valerie Slade provided an update that town hall meetings will be scheduled for church members to gauge church-wide support. After the town hall meetings are complete, a vote will be scheduled to determine whether to move forward or not.

Finance Report: Lindsay Hannah provided the July 2025 Financial Explanations: July receipts were more than expected by \$17.7K. This was largely attributable to higher than planned tithes from regular contributors. Household givers were 287 with a per capita giving of \$674. There were 11 new givers in plate cash for the month. YTD receipts exceeded the budget by \$147.7K. July disbursements were less than anticipated by \$16.6K. This was primarily driven by positive variances in salaries and benefits, maintenance, insurance costs and communications. Maintenance expenses were under budget because utilities were lower than expected. Communication costs were favorable because printing was less than planned. Because of healthy receipts, we

paid our apportionment balance for the month. Overall, July's net results had a positive variance of \$34.4K and YTD net results exceeded expectations by \$201.2K.

Going into the balance of year, we are "more than cautiously optimistic." Note that many contributed to help with our neighbors in Kerrville who experienced the tragic flooding on July 4, 2025. There was 26k brought in for Kerrville and 8.5k donated toward the initiative started by the Youth group to build and deliver flood buckets for Kerrville clean-up efforts. Many supported by donating supplies and dollars and time. Of all the Kerrville donations, they were not part of the revenue numbers, but specific, additional contributions.

Note there was a recess in July, therefore June and July statements provided in August.

ADDENDUM 1: JUNE 2025 BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ADDENDUM 2: JUNE 2025 PER CAPITA GIVING

ADDENDUM 3: JULY 2025 BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ADDENDUM 4: JULY 2025 PER CAPITA GIVING

Senior Pastor's Comments: Rev Jason Adams provided feedback and encouragement; all going well in the life of the church and focusing on growing together. Building unity and cohesion are a function of continued growth.

Chairman of the Board's Comments: David Kinder echoed Rev Jason's encouragement by stating he is very proud of how we are working together to grow together. The reason we are investing in this building is in outreach and also in welcoming those from the community here, especially when they don't have another place to meet. David asked everyone to think about the "mad dash" of the BOY and moving with momentum towards and through holidays. If we can control the \$ and continue to serve in the way that we are, we are doing well. Highly-functioning committees show that we are.

Additional Notations - Valerie Slade shared that Rev Chris Estus is our Recovery Pastor. There are 11 recovery groups that meet here. As a result of the network built here during the conference held here for the Adult Children of Alcoholics, there has been a building up of this community - 1 group has moved to 7 now meeting around the region. Some are held at AHUMC.

Closing Prayer – Darrell Smith

Next Meeting: September 21, at 5pm in W100