ALAMO HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Board of Stewards – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2026
5:00PM in Room W100

Present	*Absent*	**Name***	**Title**
X		Dianne Dorsett	Chair
X		Steve Waters	Chair Trustees
Z		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	X	Hill Ojeda	Finance
X		Helen Bryan	Finance
	X	Thad C. Ziegler	Trustee
X		Sally Flanagan	Trustee
X		Scott Boynton	Trustee
X		Caroline Wernli	SPRC
X		Randy Holmes	SPRC
Z	X	John Burnam	SPRC
X		James L. Smith	At-Large
X		Camille Jones	At-Large
X	X	John Townsend	At-Large
X		Rev. Jason Adams	Senior Pastor
X		Rev. Linda Baumheckel	Congregational Care Pastor
	X	Rev. Chris Estus	Recovery Pastor
Z	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

**Guests: Staff Members, Christian Ortiz & Sarah Moore*

Welcome – Dianne Dorsett

Prayer — Donna Strieb/Linda Baumheckel

Approval of September Meeting Minutes – Dianne Dorsett:
- MOTION 1st: Steve Waters
- MOTION 2nd: Rene Kizziar
- DECISION: Passes

***SPRC Update – Pat Crump**
- Staff member, Christian Ortiz, provided an introduction to new hire, Sarah Moore, who is the Graphic Designer.
- Joining the Communications Team is Graphic Designer, Presten Baumer, as Communications Intern.
- Also joining the Communications Team is Graphic Designer, Adriana Arellano, as Communications Intern.
  **Learn more about staff members by clicking on photos here: https://ahumc.org/staff/*

Finance Update – Johnny Boyd
Review of yellow highlights on addendum. Part of savings is due to open vacancy, now filled. Summary on per capita giving for this past month; 258 households giving, a slight drop, though giving per individual household has increased. All to say, we are tied this month. A handout was shared with a humorous photo and story: Before they had overtime in college football, Coach Lou Holtz was asked what it was like with the game ending in a tie. He said, "A tie is like me kissing my sister, but that is better than me kissing my brother."

September 2026 Results: September receipts were $10.1K below expectations, primarily due to lower-than planned tithes from regular contributors. The month included 258 household givers, with per capita giving of $756, and 7 new plate-cash givers. September disbursements were $7.9K less than expected, primarily due to favorable variances in salaries, programs and insurance, partially offset by higher than planned expenses for facilities operations. Programs were positive because of prudent staff spending. Facilities operations came in over budget because of higher than anticipated utility costs. We paid our apportionment balance for the month. Overall, September's net results were below expectations by $2.2K.
ADDENDUM 1: September 2026 Board Financial Statement
ADDENDUM 2: September 2026 Per Capita Giving

Trustees Report – Steve Waters
1. Donaldson Bequest Update – This gift amount is just under 550k. The Executive Committee (comprised of all committee chairs) met to discuss the possibilities, including deferred maintenance for our facility. Recommendation is to spend some of

the money to fix the chiller, which requires attention. The balance (several hundred thousand) will remain and be earning interest)

2. NEC Lot Update – We received 2 letters of intent, both received in last 2 weeks. Recent market change has softened up. One of the parties is a medical office we have worked with before. The other one is a luxury senior living facility. We will proceed through the consideration process and provide updates ongoing.

***Foundation – Renee Kizziar**
A few updates for tonight include that we have not had a recent meeting. There was an investment committee meeting and we are ready with what a recommendation for what to do with that money. This is through Methodist Foundation. The Foundation Committee is responsible for stewarding but is not fundraising while GTC is still active.
**Learn more about the AHUMC Foundation's 50+ history here: ahumc.org/foundation*

***Grow Together Financials – Lindsay Hannah**
GTC pledges are $4.4M and $2.5M has been given.
**Learn more about the AHUMC Grow Together Campaign here: ahumc.org/grow*

Grow Together Campaign Activities Update - Valerie Slade
November 1 – Celebration Sunday

- Hosted in church parking lot on Nottingham, which will be coned off.
- Seeking a golf cart to drive people (who have mobility issues) from church to parking lot. There will be volunteer parking attendants.
- The event will be kid-friendly, with face-painting, jump houses, and lunch (burgers & hot dogs, drinks, ice-cream).
- Bring your wallet it you want to dunk the Senior pastor! Weather temp is not an issue and there will be a bath warmer for the dunking booth (lol).
- There has been a lot of hard work and investment and we are ready to celebrate.
- Encourage your friends to attend, it will be fun!

Senior Pastor's Remarks – Jason Adams
There is much to celebrate, please join us in thanking the Lord for his provision. Dunk the Pastor – I'm still not sure why we are doing this, but Pastor Reed is looking forward to it. They tell me I'm also part of the dunking booth but I don't remember volunteering!

Chairperson's Remarks – Dianne Dorsett
We look forward to what God is doing with hopeful hearts! Looking forward to seeing you at on Nov. 1 for Celebration Sunday. It is also All Saints Day and the 1 combined service will be at 10:30. Celebration immediately following!

Closing Prayer – Janet Weatherston

Next Meeting: *Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 5pm in W100*