

MOTION: Cathy Miglicco motioned on March 5, 2026 via email that the scholarship committee be a subcommittee of Trustees. Harold Horton seconded. March 7, 2026 via email: Unanimous approval.

First Methodist Church Alvin
Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026

Mission: Make More and Stronger Disciples of Jesus Christ
Vision: Setting the Table for the Next Generation

Members Present:

Katie Austin	Shary Horn
Suzanne Carso	Harold Horton
Kenny Carter	Cathy Miglicco
Kirby Dickinson	John Mize
Chad Fontenot	Carol Ortega

Guests:

Darrell Bailey
Roxann Corona
Tanya Mize

- I. Opening Prayer
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.
 - B. Suzanne Carso opened the meeting with prayer asking for God's guidance, discernment, and wisdom for the board as they serve and make decisions that honor God.

- II. Spiritual Formation

Darrell Bailey shared a devotional centered on the theme of purpose – both individual and collective – drawing from personal experience, a poem about seeking God, and Acts 20: 27-31.

 - Emphasized the importance of searching for God wholeheartedly, staying committed, and shepherding the church faithfully.
 - Shared an encouraging story about perseverance and “seeing the rabbit” – a metaphor for spiritual vision and persistence in leadership.
 - Expressed gratitude for the board's courage and faithfulness, especially during times of transition and change.

III. Strategic Formation

Item 1: Business Items

Cathy Miglicco

The January 2026 minutes were approved through text but there was a timeline mistake that needed to be discussed and corrected. The most recent audit covered 2023 financials, conducted January – May 2024 by committee members: Roy Chapman, Richard Clapper, and Carol Ortega, and was reported to the board in May 2024.

MOTION: Shary Horn motioned to correct the January board minutes to accurately reflect that the most recent audit covered 2023 financials and reported to the board in May 2024. Suzanne Carso seconded. Unanimous approval.

Board members were encouraged to sign-up for opening prayer, spiritual formation, and/or closing prayer for board meetings. The July board meeting may be used as a time for bonding.

Item 2: Update from SPRC Subcommittee

Shary Horn

- Cameron Losoya was officially hired as worship leader on January 29, 2026. The board expressed appreciation for his talent, leadership, and willingness to engage with the congregation and staff.
 - Cameron is seen as genuine, God-centered, adaptable, strong approachable leader, and committed to fostering meaningful worship experiences.
 - Positive feedback on his efforts to include various talents in worship and his collaborative spirit.
- Pianist Search: The church is interviewing several strong candidates for the pianist position, seeking someone who desires to be part of the ministry rather than just fill a role.
- New checklist and orientation procedures for new personnel being developed for staff and subcommittee chairs.
- Evaluation tools for staff performance are being explored, aiming for a practical and effective approach.
- First meeting scheduled for Feb. 24, 2026. Quarterly SPRC meetings planned, with focus on clear responsibilities and communication.
- SPRC Committee members: Roy Chapman, Chad Fontenot, Pam Goergen, Larry Griffin, Shary Horn, Carla Keithley, Linda Klapper, Cathy Miglicco, and 2 individuals are pending board approval in March.

Item 3: Update from Finance Subcommittee

Katie Austin/Roxann Corona

- Ongoing discussion about managing cash flow and how best to handle preschool funds – whether to keep them in a non-interest-bearing account for easy access or move to a money market for modest interest. Consensus to maintain the current method, prioritizing staff peace of mind and operational flexibility over minimal financial gain.
- Emphasis placed on the need for three to six months' cash reserves for stability.
- Recognition that church giving alone does not fully sustain the budget; preschool income and investments are essential.
- Plans for a mini workshop to ensure transparency and to cross train.
- Harold Horton continues to read through each endowment's paperwork.
- Monthly Finance meetings usually planned for the Tuesdays before board meeting. Committee commonly uses text, especially when things come up.
- Finance Committee members: Katie Austin, Suzanne Carso, Roxann Corona, Luann Glardon, Shary Horn, Harold Horton, Cathy Miglicco, John Mize, Kaycee Ornman, and Mike Segers.

Item 4: Update from Trustee Subcommittee

John Mize

Building:

- Completed:

- Main sewer line assessed with camera and cleared.
- New doors installed at the south entrance, with key fob access.
- Hallway in the preschool area painted and upgraded.
- Sanctuary lighting issues resolved.
- Work Orders:
 - Emphasis on using formal work order requests to streamline maintenance and reduce confusion. Hardcopy forms are available in the office area or may be completed online through our website.
 - Efforts underway to document procedures and reduce reliance on “tribal knowledge.”
- On-going:
 - Kitchen upgrades under discussion based on discussions with our members who have a working knowledge of the kitchen area needs, with a focused trustees-only meeting planned.
 - Room numbering system being improved to aid in safety and maintenance.
 - Security upgrades: additional cameras, door locks, and new procedures for accessing sanctuary and its loft.
 - Exploring installation of an automatic door opener for improved handicap accessibility, with potential donor support.

Trustees Members: John Mize, Dan Neely, David Oliver, and David Worek.

Non-voting Members: Darrell Bailey, Roxann Corona and Cathy Miglicco.

Finance and Investments:

Shary Horn

- Overview of Edward Jones accounts, including operating, endowment, and scholarship funds.
- Trustees encouraged to utilize available maintenance funds as needed for church upkeep.
- Shary Horn and John Mize meeting on Feb. 27, 2026 with Edward Jones concerning dividends and reinvestments.
- Members of Investments: Kirby Dickinson, Shary Horn, Harold Horton, Cathy Miglicco, John Mize, Carol Ortega, and 2 individuals are pending board approval in March.

MOTION: Katie Austin motioned to allow money market dividends be used with the flexibility for any need, except where trust documents specify otherwise (e.g., Edling funds for maintenance). Suzanne Carso seconded. Unanimous approval.

Members of Scholarships: Darrell Bailey, Roxann Corona, Kelsey Dickinson, Kirby Dickinson, Theresa Hernandez, Shary Horn, Cathy Miglicco, Tranyie Moore, JaNean Roosevelt, Alice Segers, and Mike Segers.

Item 5: Pastor’s Report

Kenny Carter

Ministry and Staff Updates:

- Spiritual Health:
 - Attendance is consistently strong and rising, indicating renewed vitality.

- Notable professions of faith and new members joining.
- Church is seen as lively and welcoming, with increasing community engagement.
- Discipleship and Fellowship:
 - Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18th) – no Family Fueled Up.
 - Seven baptisms (March 15th) scheduled
 - Holy Week plans in place, including Palm Sunday (March 29th), Maundy Thursday (April 2nd), Good Friday (April 3rd), and Easter celebrations including an Easter egg hunt (April 5th).
- Events and Outreach:
 - \$5.00 gift cards were given to all teachers (118 in total) of Stevenson Elementary, AMP teachers, and teachers at Auxillary School for students with modifications for learning.
 - Food Drive for Pantry (Jan. 11-Feb. 8) produced 363 bags of groceries.
 - Team working on ministries brochure of offering places to serve.
 - Roxann Corona, Mathew Gruetzmacher, and Tina Loy implementing steps of creating new directory.
 - Ivey Pantry packaging products (Feb. 16th at 9:00 a.m.)
 - Ivey Pantry Distribution (Feb. 18th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)
 - Wild Game Night (Feb. 27th at 6:00 p.m.) scheduled to foster fellowship.
 - Town Hall Meeting (March 1st) inform the congregation of ongoing ministries and needs.
- Youth and Worship:
 - Youth actively participating in services (e.g., Ash Wednesday).
 - Positive collaboration between worship leaders Cameron Losoya and Melissa Blythe blending traditional and contemporary elements.

Thanks be to God for all He has planned for HIS church here in Alvin to be a part of. Thank each of you for serving as leaders on this board.

IV. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- A. Shary Horn closed the meeting in prayer, giving thanks for God's provision, guidance, and the positive developments in the church; continued unity, wisdom, generosity, and for the congregation to recognize the church as God's storehouse, supplied by Him; and, for safe travels and restful nights for all.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.