

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

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

Psalm 143:8 "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life". (NIV)

<u>Members Present:</u>		<u>Phone Attendance</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Katie Austin	Shary Horn	Harold Horton	Roxann Corona
Kenny Carter	Cathy Miglicco		
Kirby Dickinson	John Mize	<u>Members Absent:</u>	
Chad Fontenot	Carol Ortega	Suzanne Carso	

- I. Opening Prayer
  - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
  - B. Kenny Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

- II. Spiritual Formation Kenny Carter

The meeting opened with a call to reflect deeply on Christ's sacrifice at the Lord's Table, urging all to move beyond ritual and remember the meaning behind the bread and cup. Scripture references: Matthew 26:26-28; John 20:19-29; and John 14:21. Emphasis was placed on Christ's words in the upper room, the mystery of faith, and the prayer for God to make the church one with Christ and each other. Participants served communion to one another, reinforcing the call to humble service in all church roles. A reminder was shared: Christ continually shows himself to us as we serve and obey, equipping the willing for ministry. Closing prayer expressed gratitude for God's ongoing presence, guidance, and equipping of the church.

- III. Strategic Formation

Item 1: Update from Trustees John Mize

- On-going Maintenance: door closer, plaster repair on front columns, sanctuary choir lighting upgrade, new carpet trial in Seekers classroom, and improved door accessibility for those with mobility needs, business office lockers.
- Work Orders Completed: fixed barn door lock, mounted bulletin boards in the main AMP hallway, touched up paint on the Narthex door, placed ant poison in AMP play areas, repaired men's adult wing bathroom ceiling, replaced smoke alarm #46, implemented a temporary workaround to keep Narthex doors operational during services, unplugged sink in AMP, repaired transition pieces between pew area and aisle way, replaced toilet seat in Narthex bathroom, fixed ADA door opener on east adult wing doors.

- Security Measures: doors and balcony access now more controlled; trustee rotation for monitoring. Donations: Monetary gift received to support door improvements. Easter Egg Hunt: Moved to safer, more controlled areas on church grounds.
- Administrative/Informational updates: fire extinguisher inspection complete, various work orders addressed, Key & Key FOB policies being drafted.

**MOTION via email:** Cathy Miglicco made a motion that the scholarship committee be a subcommittee of Trustees. Harold Horton seconded. Unanimous approval.

Investments: Recent CD investments made for operating, building, and endowment funds with security protocols discussed.

Item 2: Update from Finance Subcommittee

Katie Austin  
Roxann Corona

- Policy review: moving toward clear separation of policies (general guidelines) and procedures (detailed steps), aiming for regular, rotating reviews.
- Emphasis on transparency, structure, and succession planning for financial roles.
- Financial health: February ended with a positive balance despite insurance payments; testimony shared of God's provision through unexpected gifts.
- Encouragement to remind congregation of electronic giving options.

Item 3: Update from SPRC Subcommittee

Shary Horn

**MOTION:** Shary Horn made a motion to accept the hiring new employee policy, which has been developed and approved by SPRC Committee with the addition of having it signed by the new possible employee underneath the background check. Kirby Dickinson seconded. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Shary Horn made a motion to hire Eric Bellah, pending the background check and good references, with a set salary prorated for the year. Katie Austin seconded. Unanimous approval.

- Discussion included compensation structure, expectations, and fit within the budget.
- Committee celebrated Eric's talent, humility, and alignment with church needs.

Item 4: Scholarship Committee Update

Shary Horn

- Trustees will develop guidelines that will be submitted to the Leadership Board and once approved, they will be included in the Guiding Principles.
- Clarified definitions for scholarship eligibility (e.g., "active student").
- Application and renewal processes underway, with emphasis on continued Christian walk for renewals.
- Committee members listed: Darrell Bailey, Suzanne Carso, Roxann Corona, Kelsey Dickinson, Kirby Dickinson, Teresa Hernandez, Shary Horn, Tranycie Moore, JaNean Roosevelt, Alice Segers and, Mike Segers.
- Plans set for timely selection and award distribution.

- Noted the impact of scholarships on student lives and encouraged sharing testimonies with the congregation.

Item 5: Other Business

Cathy Miglicco

- Vacation Bible School (VBS): Set for June 22-25, with volunteer sign-ups and online registration after Easter.
- AMW Fundraiser: Casserole Sale approved for 6/14/26.
- Family Promise: Ongoing need for overnight volunteers; discussion on possible outside help, liability, and the importance of church commitment to this ministry. Pam Finger's leadership and dedication especially recognized. Consideration of installing blinds on doors for privacy and safety during Family Promise stays.

Item 6: Pastor's Report

Kenny Carter

- Ministries thriving: Family Fueled Up nights with Bible studies and Jason David, Guest Speaker; men's breakfast; Ivey Essentials (March 18, 4-5:00 p.m.); Town Hall meeting; and special events like Wild Game Night and baptisms.
- New Life Group for young adults on Wednesdays in development.
- Directory updates and ministries brochure in progress.
- As previously acknowledged, Eric Bellah hired as our new pianist.
- Recent worship attendance strong (approaching 200), with many returning and new faces.
- Celebrated recent baptisms, upcoming new members joining, and spirit of joy and unity in the congregation.
- Services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and Easter egg hunt
- Pastor expressed deep gratitude for God's work and for the faithfulness of the church family.

IV. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- A. Cathy Miglicco closed the meeting with a prayer of thanks for God's blessings, guidance, and the unity of those serving together, seeking His will and giving Him all glory.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.