

First Methodist Church Alvin
Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 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".

Members Present:

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

Guest:

Roxann Corona

I. Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
Kirby Dickinson opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Spiritual Formation

Kirby Dickinson

Members wrote on cards their childhood career aspirations and current professions, then turned cards over to reveal that their "true profession" is to be a Christian. Discussion emphasized the importance of spiritual maturity, studying the Bible with the same diligence as professional development, and reflecting Christ in daily life, referencing Ephesians 4:13-15, "...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."

III. Strategic Formation

Item 1: Business Items

Cathy Miglicco

April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with correction.

Item 2: Finance Committee

Katie Austin

Budget Status

Roxann Corona

- Church finances are in good shape; not spending more than income.
- \$12,000 in designated scholarships invested.
- Insurance payment due soon (-\$80,000 annually).

Item 3: Trustee Committee
Investments Subcommittee:

John Mize

Permanent Endowment Fund:
History & Structure

Harold Horton

- Established in 1983 for parishioners to donate money; principal remains untouched, interest can be used for church needs.
- Governance includes ex officio members (trustees chair, treasurer, finance chair, pastor, and lay leader) and 6 at-large members.

Current Actions

- Committee reestablished, with new at-large members approved.
- Plan to revise bylaws to modernize operations (e.g., proxy votes, registered letters outdated).
- Principal can only be withdrawn under extreme circumstances with approval of at least 15% of congregation and a two-thirds vote.
- Approximately \$30,000 is in the fund; usage of interest is unclear from past records.

Next Steps

- Update by laws, clarify reporting requirements, and possibly transfer oversight to the Investment Committee for efficiency.

Account Management:

- Efforts to consolidate and “purify” designated accounts, per audit recommendations.
- Each endowment to have its own CD; interest separated and tracked for clarity.
- Emphasis on maximizing investment returns and keeping designated funds clearly separated.

MOTION: John Mize made a motion to move \$100,000 and C1 Operating Capital to C6 Edward Jones as an insurance/maintenance deductible fund and move Family Life/Nursery Endowment funds to C6 for future facility needs (e.g., roof replacement). Katie Austin seconded. Unanimous approval.

Repairs & Bids - Approved \$1,700 for painting/repairing all front columns (cheaper than previous bids).

Sanctuary Policy - New signage: No food or drink allowed in sanctuary; mixed compliance noted.

Ongoing Maintenance

- Ceiling leak in chapel fixed (AC coil drain issue).
- Fire alarm incident prompted discussion on evacuation protocols.
- Playground deck around tree is rotten; flagged for future repair (possible Eagle Scout project)

- Room renumbering project pending sign manufacturing.
- Lockers completed.
- Door repairs scheduled; security upgrades (key fob system) in progress.
- Plan to sell removed glass doors.
- New choir loft lights arrived, pending installation.

Kitchen Renovation

- \$30,000 budget; workflow and contractor coordination underway.
- Kitchen to close for 30-45 days for ceiling replacement; alternate arrangements for events in place.
- Volunteers needed for moving kitchen contents.

SPRC Subcommittee

Shary Horn

Personnel Changes

- Music Ministry - Pianist Eric Bella resigned, effective end of May; search for interim replacement underway. Suggestion to consider student or recent graduate as interim.
- Preschool Staff - One preschool teacher to be terminated.

Item 4: Pastor's Report

Kenny Carter

Attendance

- Worship services well-attended (190+).
- Emphasis on integrating musical talents from congregation.

Family & Youth Ministry

- Fuel Up Family Night and other youth/college ministries active; new initiatives for spiritual gifts and personality workshops.
- Plans for spiritual gifts class and blood covenant teaching.
- Young adult outreach planned through informal gatherings.

Support for Widows/Shut-ins

- Discussion on developing a handyman/helper list for widows and shut-ins; suggestion to create a request form and publicize available help.

Sacraments & Membership

- Baptism - Upcoming baptism for Zoe Scott.
- New Members - Nicole (flute player) and Kyle Kreft to join church soon.
- Preschool Graduation - 40 graduates celebrated.
- Men's Breakfast - Well-attended, with guest speaker Larry Davidson

Upcoming Events

- Pentecost Sunday - Barbecue luncheon planned.

- Church Directory - New edition expected by end of July; photos and ministry updates in progress.

Confirmation & Education

- Confirmation Class - Curriculum acquired; aiming for Easter completion. Open to all ages; currently 6-7 participants.
- Bible Study - Current study ends June 10; considering fall options to maintain momentum. Spiritual gifts and personality workshops to encourage deeper involvement.

Missions

- Mexico Mission Trip - 7-8 interested participants; safety conditions under review due to regional instability. Donations and supplies arriving.

IV. Other Business:

Policy & Operations

- Facility Rental Policy
 - Issue: Recent fellowship hall rental not paid in advance.
 - Decision: Future rentals must be paid in advance; need to develop a formal contract and clear policy.

V. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- A. Shary Horn closed the meeting in prayer for healing, comfort, wisdom, and spiritual support for all mentioned needs.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Desire Your Will – hunger and thirst Matthew 5:6
 Discern Your Will – prayer and the Word Romans 12:2
 Do Your Will – to God be the glory! 1 Corinthians 10:31