

**Friendswood Methodist Church
Board of Stewards Meeting
January 20, 2019**

Members present: Rev. Jim Bass, Kim Brizendine, Chuck Carlisle, Lisa Chisholm, Dennis Cruse, Kat Grannemann, Pete Halvorson, Laura Hetsko, Ron Hinson, Tanya Holleran, John LaBorde, Rick Powers, Amy Reynolds, Bency Varghese, Carole Young

Members absent: David Rachita, Randy Russell

Associates present: Anita Griffith, Rev. Howard Huhn, Rick Meyers

Associates absent: Ken Lair

Amy Reynolds (chair) called the meeting to order & Rick Powers gave a brief devotional.

Board of Stewards Introductions: Former members of the Board & current members came together for the first meeting of the new year. Introductions were made. Jim explained the governing model that makes up the Board.

Election of new officers: It was voted that Amy Reynolds will remain as chair & that Chuck Carlisle will remain as vice-chair. Anita Griffith will continue as secretary.

Monthly Ministry Reports: the former members found these to be very helpful & valuable. It was decided that these reports should continue. Jim will work out the schedule for each ministry leader to meet with the Board.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 2018 Board meeting were approved.

Finance: Rev. Howard Huhn

December 2018 was not our strongest month due to the stock market & furloughs. All was good up to December 15. We have seen an increase of online giving & automatic draft giving. The financials for October, November & December 2018 were emailed out by Ken Lair. A vote was taken & these were approved.

Facilities: Rick Meyers

Rick provided his report as a handout (attached).

Updates:

- **Sanctuary Cross:** Jim Bass – the cross is due to be installed the first week of February
- **Columbarium:** Jim Bass – this has been placed on the back burner, Lisa Chisholm has agreed to continue to take the lead on this
- **Wesley Hall Renovations:** Jim Bass – planning is moving along, Wesley Hall will be closed from mid-May through August to complete the renovations
- **Staffing Hours/Comp Time:** Howard Huhn & Rick Powers – the church offices will be closed on Fridays to help with the issue of comp time, no more comp time except under certain circumstances (needs a revision to the personnel policy – was voted on & approved)
- **April meeting:** Board meeting falls on Easter Sunday so it was decided to meet on Palm Sunday, April 14
- **Board Introduced to Congregation:** Sunday, February 3 with website picture to be taken
- **Board Retreat:** will discuss & plan after General Conference (February 23-26)
- **Staff Lunch with Board:** May time frame (after Annual Conference) – Rosemary's retirement
- **Town Hall Meetings:** Jim will hold in February before leaving for General Conference

Prayer Concerns were voiced. The meeting was adjourned by Amy Reynolds.

Minutes submitted by Anita Griffith