

**Friendswood Methodist Church  
Board of Stewards Meeting  
April 14, 2019**

**Members present:** Rev. Jim Bass, Kim Brizendine, Chuck Carlisle, Kat Grannemann, Ron Hinson, Tanya Holleran, Rick Powers, David Rachita, Amy Reynolds, Randy Russell, Bency Varghese, Carole Young

**Members absent:** John LaBorde

**Associates present:** Anita Griffith, Rev. Howard Huhn, Chris Leslie

**Associates absent:** Ken Lair, Rick Meyers

Amy Reynolds (chair) called the meeting to order & Tanya gave a brief devotional from Acts 1:14.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the February 17, 2019 board meeting were approved.

**Financials: Howard**

- Everything is tracking well & we are doing well with the Jubilee giving. Our spending is on target.
- Endowments were discussed so everyone could get a better understanding as to how this fund works. It was decided that the Endowment Fund needs a possible re-work & Kim showed an interest in working with this project. The Board recommended that the Fund be looked at in greater detail & possible changes be brought back to them for approval.
- January, February & March 2019 financials were discussed for approval. Kim voiced a motion to approve. It was seconded & the financials were approved.

**Facilities: Rick** (not present) provided his report as a handout (attached)

- It was decided that Rick need not attend all meetings but email out his report in advance of the scheduled meetings to be reviewed by Board members. Rick need only to attend a couple of times per year especially if a large project is occurring or if a vote is needed.

**Communications: Chris**

- The church website was discussed in length. Some are still having problems finding the Board section of the site. The limitations of the site were discussed. The section still needs member pictures & a short write up on each individual on the Board. Please get these to Chris ASAP.
- CCLI & A/V equipment & volunteer procedures needs were discussed. It was decided that the needs be prioritized. Rick & Chris are to get together & report back at the next meeting.

**Updates:**

- Amy has sent Micah Simecek a thank you card from the Board for all the work he has done on the sanctuary cross & the help he is giving on the Wesley Hall renovations.

- **Wesley Hall Renovations: Jim**  
Contractor bids will be presented at the committee meeting tomorrow evening (May 15). Costs are higher than expected which puts the FLC kitchen renovations off the table for now. There may be a look at some fundraising to help with the furnishings & equipment costs (\$80,000). The committee will be looking at ways to reduce costs but still have the quality that everyone is expecting.
  
- **Staffing: Jim**
  - A Love Offering will be taken for Rosemary & Gale as they retire at Conference time. Rosemary will preach on June 2 with a reception to follow the last service. Gale will preach on June 9 with a reception to follow the last service. The staff will have a luncheon for them both on May 8. The Board will help with the receptions for Rosemary & Gale – email Anita that you can help.
  - Lisa Mayhugh was appointed to our church last Thursday. She will serve as a Local Pastor. There will be a gift card pounding Lisa & Sam when they arrive.
  - It was announced that Rev. Terry Bebermeyer will be retiring at the 2020 Annual Conference. An announcement will be issued on Monday to the congregation. This gives Terry the time needed to tell the choirs & orchestra on Sunday.
  - The hunt will begin for a new Youth Director Associate. Austin Haines will be staying on as an intern. Tommy (the worship leader for Kingdom) is also leaving.

**Next meeting** – Sunday, June 23, 2019

Prayer concerns were voiced. The meeting was adjourned by Amy Reynolds by prayer.

Minutes submitted by Anita Griffith