

**Friendswood Methodist Church
Board of Stewards Meeting
August 25, 2019**

Members present: Rev. Jim Bass, Kim Brizendine, Chuck Carlisle, Ron Hinson, Tanya Holleran, John LaBorde, Rick Powers, Amy Reynolds, Randy Russell, Bency Varghese, Carole Young

Members absent: Kat Grannemann, David Rachita

Associates present: Anita Griffith, Rev. Howard Huhn

Guest present: Chris Aleman (Associate Director of Student Ministries)

Amy Reynolds (chair) called the meeting to order, Jim opened with prayer, & Bency gave a brief devotional.

Introduction of Chris Aleman: Chris Aleman, Associate Director of Student Ministries was introduced to the Board by Jim. Chris gave his background in working with students & leading worship. He comes to us from Texarkana. Chris is married & from the Houston area originally.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 14, 2019 board meeting were approved after noting that financials from April have now been received by all Board members & approved. May-July financials were emailed out & have been approved by email. Motion to accept the minutes: Ron Hinson, seconded: Kim Brizendine

Financials: Howard

- Giving has been down, hope to pick back up in the fall
- Attendance in the Celebrate service is steady but a decline in the traditional services
- Need to take a deeper look at services with a brainstorming session & seriously look at the types of services we offer & the times we offer – the need to meet people where they are
- Kim raised a concern among some of the congregation about the money being spent on Wesley Hall & that it is not going to debt reduction. It was stated again that this was part of the campaign agreement that a portion of the money would be used to renovate Wesley Hall.

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

Communications: Chris Leslie (not present) website has been updated

Updates:

- **Wesley Hall Renovations: Jim**
 - Working with installing screen & projector
 - Panels are a concern but believe they may be shipped earlier than originally thought
- **Staffing: Jim**
 - Jim will put together a task force to do a search for the Director of Music Ministry that will become vacant when Rev. Terry Bebermeyer retires in 2020. Will consist of BOS members & choir members.
 - Word is being put out in publications &, also, by word of mouth

Next meeting – September 22 **Retreat** – October 13 **Charge Conference** – November 12 (will need to have a Town Hall meeting before Charge Conference to approve nominations)

Prayer concerns. The meeting was adjourned by Amy. Howard closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Anita Griffith