

**Friendswood Methodist Church
Board of Stewards Minutes
April 21, 2024**

Board Members present: Rev. Jim Bass, Ivo Damman, Lynn Dodson, Jason Fletcher, Mary Gillespie, Dave Hergert, Kristine Houtman, James Mainer, Nadine Watson, Alan Wilson, Linda Zeller

Board Associates present: Anita Griffith, Rev. Howard Huhn, Rev. Sam McRae, Suzanne Vachon

Call to Order: Kristine Houtman
Devotion/Prayer: Nadine Watson

March Financials: Suzanne Vachon

- March's income was okay, allowed us to break even for the month.
- We made an \$18k down payment on the Worship Center chiller.
- We did not hit a trigger concern.
- Suzanne will talk to TMF and discuss only paying interest during the campaign.
- A complete and detailed copy of the financials can be found in the Board notebook kept in the Administrative office or anyone can contact Suzanne with any questions.
- Alan Wilson made a **Motion** to accept the financials as presented. Kristine Houtman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by a verbal vote.

Minutes from March 17: Anita Griffith

- The March minutes were reviewed. A correction was made that Mary Gillespie was at the meeting although not listed in attendance. This will be corrected.
- David Hergert made a **Motion** to accept the minutes with the one correction. Mary Gillespie seconded the motion and the motion passed with a verbal vote.

SPR: Linda Zeller

- SPR will be meeting on May 9 to plan for ministry staffing needs.
- Interviews continue for Student Ministry leader. Austin Haines pulled his resume for the position deciding he likes what he is doing and this allows him to coach students at the school which is something he wants to continue to do. There is a very good prospect that has interviewed and spent time with the students.
- A team is to be formed to start the process of determining what will happen with the Children and Family Ministry area when Lee Ann Love leaves at the end of the year.

Church's 60th Anniversary:

- James Roberts has shown an interest in helping to organize for the anniversary.
- We know it has been planned to celebrate on June 30 with only one service that day at 10 am followed by an all-church pot luck in the gym.

Safety/Security Update:

- Brian Roark provided a written update report on Safety/Security items that need to be addressed. He will be looking for volunteers to help in each area that he mentions.
- Due to the numerous items that need to be addressed (including funding) this will be an ongoing process over many months (18 months has been mentioned).

Ongoing Copier Lease: Howard Huhn

- The ongoing copier lease for the former copy machines has been canceled and settled and we are now out from under those leases.

Street Signage: Jason Fletcher

- Jason will look for better price quotes for street signs. And he will see if we can have new signs by working with what we already have.

Closing: Sam McRae closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 19

Minutes submitted by Anita Griffith, May 16, 2024