

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST, HUDSON, FL  
TRUSTEE'S MINUTES**

Trustee meeting minutes: February 12, 2026

**Attendance:** Chip Willaman, Bob Jacobson, Herb Parks, Dean Kitchin, Greg Horton, Carol Hess

Absent: Karen Rae

Pastor: Matt Wallis

Facilities: Martha Beneduci

Staff Bookkeeper: Katie Donor

Meeting opened with prayer by Chairperson Chip Willaman at 5:00.

Minutes for January 8, 2026 were read and approved with a motion by Greg Horton and a second by Dean Kitchin.

Katie went over the financial reports with regard to trustees funds:

It was brought to the committee's attention that line item numbers on the report revealed 2 accounts: Trustees Capital Reserve Fund and Trustees Endowment Fund. Pastor Matt passed information along about the endowment fund that has no paperwork about distribution of this fund.

Carol Hess motioned both funds be combined, Dean Kitchin seconded, vote taken - motion passed.

Guests from the Hope for Children Ministries, Inc were present and spoke about their organization helping children 11-18 with their path to God. They were requesting the use of our facility for their summer camp July 7 - July 30 on T, W, Th from 7 am to 6 pm. Their facility is being built on their property and unusable. Discussion related to charge for this campus use was approved at \$500.00/day. Moved and voted - approved.

**Old Business:**

A. Property updates:

1. Steeple has been repainted.
2. Requested speed bump has been installed.
3. ADA restroom door assists have been installed in both bathrooms in the lobby area (paid from family dwelling fund)
4. Electronic key and card access system and campus electronic re-key of doors will begin Monday, February 16, 2026. Costs of \$30,000 will come from multipurpose funds already approved.

5. The cost to increase handicap parking spaces is \$9700.00 from Pasco Paving. It will create 8-10 more handicap parking spaces. Discussion to continue at the March meeting.
6. Window tinting in choir room is complete.
7. Hand rail - west side of sanctuary Greg is working on finding a welder to make the repair on the steel handrail.
8. Electrical work at the parsonage has been completed.
9. Food Pantry canopy continues to be investigated as there are a number of issues needing to be resolved; permits vs no permit, costs of materials and installation. Dean will continue to research.
10. Signage is in need of identifying what needs to be placed and verbiage as well as size. Tabled to next meeting.

**New Business:**

A. Upcoming activities:

1. Fees for use of facilities was discussed as rooms are ready for use. Several considerations need to be made when setting rental of space in the FUMC facility.
  - a. Non-profit groups vs profit making groups
  - b. What type of room is needed and several other components.
  - c. Pastor will contact other churches for their ideas that have this type of program and also see if the Conference has any type of contract already on its site to use.
2. The campus tour gave the committee several projects for outside work needing to be completed. A notice will be placed in the newsletter for a work day on Saturday, March 28th.
  - a. Next meeting a list of projects will be discussed.
3. A 65" smart TV has been donated and will be installed in conference room CC 10.
4. A local PEO group was approved to use the facility for a meeting.

Pastor Matt closed with prayer as there was no other business at 6:40 pm

Next Meeting: March 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hess  
Trustee Secretary