Leadership Board Minutes for June 2, 2026

Parker United Methodist Church
11805 S. Pine Drive, Parker, CO 80134

Leadership Board Members:

Kelly Evans (Chair)
Dave Ambors
Jon Bray
Peter Farney
Geoff Haskell
Laura Easter Rainwater, Senior Pastor
Li Roberson
Eric Ross
Sue Saip
Emily Shaffer, Little Blessings Preschool Director
Kyle Snoich
Ron Suppes

I. Call to order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Devotion
- A. Sue presented a devotion about narrowing your focus and being fully present.

III. Review and approval of minutes of May 5, 2026 – one correction will be made
- A. Li moved to approve the revised minutes; Jon seconded
- B. Approved unanimously

IV. Senior Pastor's Report
- A. Stats for 2026
  1. Membership:
     - a. 6 baptized this year
     - b. 3 funerals this year
     - c. 3 new members in February with another 5 to join soon
     - d. 1 person withdrawn from membership
       1) TOTAL CHANGE: +3 -2 -1 = net 0
     - e. Pastor Laura and Susan Guston are still working on the true number of members:
       1) Annual statistics reported to Annual Conference = 761
       2) Reported at November Church Conference = 774
       3) Will do another audit in the fall.
  2. Worship:
     - a. Currently we average 254 in Sunday morning worship for both services (189 + 67 – includes Easter) and 166 who worship online (this is YouTube views).
     - b. We averaged around 40 for all other non-Sunday morning services

B. The library has been cleaned up/reorganized by a group of volunteers. Books that are no longer wanted/needed have been placed on a table in the Commons Area and members are welcome to take what they want.

C. Adult Education Team has formed. 11 people attended the organizational meeting.
    1. The team is working on a holistic plan for small groups, especially addressing adult classes. The hope is also for intergenerational groups as well.

    2. Carolyn Young has been working on this and a group of four will initially serve as rotating leaders.

    3. The 10:30 am Sunday School class will start this Sunday in Room 144 and the format will be like Faith Talk.

    4. The team hopes to have two classes at 10:30 am and one at 9:00 am starting in the fall.

    5. Planning to have Fall Fair of classes and small groups on Sunday, September 13. This is also the date for the Endowment's Will Power Seminar. September 20 is the current date for Fall Fest Back to School event.

    6. With this work, we now have a resource, Amplify Media, which is an online resource offering videos for small groups and studies.

D. Pastor Cody received Douglas County demographic information which could be helpful for our outreach efforts. Parker is still growing as a commuter area in the Denver metro area.

E. Summer Schedule
    1. Pastor Cody & Noelle on 2 Mission Trips:
        a. Colorado Springs – middle school youth - June 3 – 6
        b. Detroit – high school youth - July 14 – 21

    2. Pastor Cody & Pastor Laura at annual conference in Billings: June 9-14
        a. Eric Ross will also attend
        b. Doug McKinney is preaching June 14

    3. Pastor Laura on Mission Trip to Kenya: July 8 – 24
        a. Dan O'Neill preaching July 19

    4. Elizabeth is moving to hybrid work June 8; plans to be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays and remotely work the rest of the week as she moves to Wyoming. Her plans are still undetermined except she must be out of her rented room on June 3. Reaching her by email or cell phone is best way to get in touch. People can always reach out to me for immediate questions.

        a. Pastor Laura has told Elizabeth we are grateful for her to help us out but would love for her to find a full-time job as quickly as she can, for her sake.

    5. Staff have vacations and other events scheduled. If there is a need to see someone, reach out to them; dropping by the church office may not work.

    6. Candi and Pastor Laura are working on getting volunteers to help in the office when Pastor Cody, Noelle and Pastor Laura are out. Plus, Candi's daughter has a high-risk

pregnancy and may be induced in mid-July, so she may need flexibility with work hours.

7. With the transition in facilities coordinator, we may need a couple of volunteers available for any building emergencies. Pastor Laura will work on getting this together.

8. We also have put in a moratorium for any new events in the building. Summer is very busy already. Elizabeth will work with existing groups but no new groups. We will start scheduling new groups again in August.

9. Vacation Bible School starts June 29th and runs for 4 days.

10. On July 4th, we host the parking lot event for the fireworks. The Feed My Starving Children team will be selling bottles of water. On July 5th, we will have one worship service at 10:00 am.

V. Business Items

A. Little Blessings Pre-School – Emily
   1. Enrollment is holding steady at 92% - 93% for the 2026-27 school year.
   2. Summer camp started on Monday, June 1st.
   3. There are still some hiccups with the doorbells, but Emily is targeting August 1st for them to be resolved.

B. Finance Update - Eric
   1. Summer income can be a little "dicey".
   2. In July, of the $18,000 monthly mortgage payment, $7,000 will be taken from the Funding Our Future fund and the remaining $11,000 will be taken from other funds. The Finance team will monitor and tweak the process to determine what portion of the mortgage payment to take from the Funding Our Future Fund. The mortgage interest rate will increase in January 2027, but by no more than 1%.
   3. The team still needs volunteers for the 2025 internal audit. The time commitment is a couple of hours for a couple of weekends, possibly during this summer.
   4. Jon mentioned that Judy Snoich may be interested in joining the Finance Team.
   5. We discussed the possibility of increasing the mission share from 10% to 11%. We have been at 10%, but 13% of adjusted income is what is requested. The group will consider increasing the share to 10.5%, but the finance team will see how the Methodists Helping Methodists investments pan out. This will be addressed at a later date.

C. SPRC Update – Kelly/Laura
   1. Elizabeth gave us notice because she is moving.
   2. She is willing to help us after her move to Wyoming.
   3. Through Indeed, we have received 40 applications for the Facilities Coordinator position. No applications have come through Linked In.
   4. Pastor Laura will be reviewing applications and eliminating those who do not fit the position.
   5. The best-case scenario would be that we would start interviews the end of June, with the new employee starting work the end of July.

D. Board Position Vacancy – We are still looking for a member to fill this vacancy.

E. First Quarter Reminder: Staff to Board Assignments
    1. Assigned staff who have been contacted are all good. Peter will follow up with his people.

VI. New Business and any other items of importance and interest - None

VII. Next meeting
A. Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
    1. Note: we will NOT be meeting in July.
B. Li will provide the devotion

VIII. Closing prayer
A. Li closed us in prayer

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes of June 2, 2026 were submitted to Laura and Kelly for review on June 4, 2026.

Sue Saip, Leadership Board Member