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

Members Not in Attendance:
Emily Shaffer
Ron Suppes

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

II. Devotion
A. Li presented a devotion about the 250th celebration of the US.

III. Review and approval of minutes of June 2, 2026
A. Li moved to approve the minutes; Geoff seconded
B. Approved unanimously

IV. Senior Pastor's Report
A. Stats for 2026 – will be reported next month

1. Members have done a lot of traveling and are not attending church, but we are getting lots of visitors.

B. Adult Education Team moving forward. Check the upcoming Midweek Message and Newsletter for many articles about their progress.

C. Summer Schedule

1. Youth mission trips to Colorado Springs and Detroit went well. Pastor Laura's mission trip to Kenya went well. Opportunities are being looked at to share these experiences soon with the church.

2. Pastor Laura expressed appreciation for everyone who stepped up while she was gone.

D. The annual school supply drive is underway and there is a big need in the community for school supplies and backpacks this year.

E. Elizabeth is still working for the church and can work for us as she continues her job and housing search in Cheyenne. More will be shared about our plans in the SPRC update. 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.

V. Business Items

A. Little Blessings Pre-School
   1. The week of August 3rd, pre-school teachers will have a meet and greet.
   2. School starts on August 10th.
   3. Enrollment is at 90%.

B. Finance Update - Eric
   1. Summer giving is a little bit down, but will pick up in October (historically, summer giving has been down).
   2. Funding Our Future was started (money was moved to Methodists Helping Methodists). There is a higher return expected, but also higher risk is assumed. 1% of that bucket will be used to pay off the mortgage. At the end of September, the status will be assessed and maybe adjusted for the 4th quarter.
   3. Finances are favorable to the budget, but at a deficit. Staff is being vigilant about watching expenses.

C. Approve Feed My Starving Children Agreement
   1. The board needs to approve the $30,000 FMSC contract. We pay per each meal that is packed. A $10,000 payment has been made to FMSC. We have funds available to pay the balance but will continue to raise more funds.
   2. Letters will be sent out about being a sponsor for FMSC and requesting that volunteers who pack make a contribution ($50 suggested).
   3. PUMC also gets a portion of the sales of FMSC merchandise.
   4. Peter moved that we approve the FMSC contract, Li seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
   5. Kelly will sign and send the approved contract.

D. Building Updates – Laura
   1. The security upgrade has not gone smoothly, so the final payment is being withheld until all issues are resolved. There has been trouble getting the doors locked. We are waiting for the door repair vendor to tell us what needs to be done.
   2. Pre-school inspection
      a. During the inspection, they found two sink holes in the playground area. This area will be roped off until repairs are made.
      b. Also, we need to smooth the edges of metal that are on the dry wall.
   3. Pine Drive repaving
      a. Bike lanes were added on both sides of Pine Drive when repaved. This results in the loss of the 10 parking spaces on the west side of Pine Drive.
      b. We could get the spaces back, but the trade-off would be to lose the turn lane. We agreed that we want to keep the turn lane, and will put information about the loss of the spaces in the newsletter.

E. Adult Education Updates – Kelly
   1. The Connections class has been meeting Sunday mornings at 10:30 am with good attendance. This class ties the topic to the Sunday morning 9:00 am sermon.
   2. Another 10:30 am class will be started in mid-August
   3. We will be adding a 9:00 am class and evening classes, as well.

4. A thank you luncheon was held on July 26th.
5. The Fall Fair will be in September and any small group can have a table at the fair. It was suggested that we have a table for the Leadership Board at the fair.
6. In the fall, the Connections catalog will be produced and it is be a good way to showcase the various small groups to the congregation.
7. Carolyn has been doing a great job of leading this committee.

F. SPRC Update – Reposting Facilities Coordinator position - Kelly
   1. The Facilities Coordinator position will be reposted.
   2. Kelly called the "reasonable" candidates that responded to the previous posting and has a handful of people who we would still be interested in.

G. Board Position Vacancy – any interested parties?
   1. Sue spoke with Paul and will follow up with him and invite him to our next meeting.

H. Third Quarter Reminder: Staff to Board Assignments
   1. Assigned staff who have been contacted are all good.
   2. Pastor Laura asked that staff assignments be asked how they are doing with regard to taking vacations.

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

VII. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
   A. Kyle will provide the devotion

VIII. Closing prayer
   A. Kelly closed us in prayer

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes of July 28, 2026 were submitted to Laura and Kelly for review on August 3, 2026.

Sue Saip, Leadership Board Member