# Leadership Board Minutes for September 1, 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

**Guest:**
Adam Czaplinski

I. Call to order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

II. Introduction of Adam Czaplinski – Adam is a potential member of the Board who may be able to serve for one year until his retirement and relocation.

III. Devotion
A. Kyle presented a devotion based on Galatians 6:9-10 about doing good to all.

IV. Review and approval of minutes of July 28, 2026
A. Peter moved to approve the minutes; Dave seconded
B. Approved unanimously

V. Senior Pastor's Report
A. Stats for 2026

1. Membership:
   a. 7 baptized this year
   b. 3 members have passed away (Jane Moore, Judy Crowley, Betty Olson)
   c. 8 new members this year
   d. 6 have withdrawn their membership
   e. TOTAL CHANGE: +8 -3 -6 = -1 net loss

2. A membership audit is being worked on to be ready by the church conference meeting (sometime in the fall). Pastor Laura will find out what the worship numbers were last year.

3. Worship:
    a. Currently we average 231 in Sunday morning worship for both services (174 + 57 – includes Easter) and 157 who worship online (this is YouTube views).
    b. These numbers dropped as summer attendance is much less; we'd like to get to an average of 250.

B. Update on building use
    1. Fall events are here! Lots of classes are meeting
        a. 6 12-steps groups
        b. 3 other support groups
        c. BSA Troop 16; Cub Scouts 369, Girl Scouts 6-5357, Noelle's group, leader group
        d. Civil Air Patrol
        e. 5280+ Chorale
        f. 3 days of Pickleball
        g. Church groups: children, youth, adult; classes, other groups; music; book groups
            1) Want to see what church groups? Sept 13 – Tables in Commons Area between services
            2) Everyone has a copy of the Connections catalog. Will be available on Sunday, September 6.
    2. Sue will scan and send the September building calendar to those who attended the meeting online (Dave, Jon, and Ron).

C. Stewardship is coming up
    1. Judy Snoich & Brenda Boren will help this year; I need one more Board member
    2. Will have a series "Generous" from October 11 – November 1
    3. Need help creating 2 mailings and what items should be mailed

D. Question about online giving:
    1. 2026 Pledges/Donors = 90, but need to verify with Candi
    2. Those giving online = 51
        a. This doesn't mean only given online
        b. Comments from some in the meeting said the user interface is difficult and suggested that perhaps a user guide would be helpful. It is especially confusing when moving from one calendar year to the next.

VI. Business Items

A. Little Blessings Pre-School
    1. School is in session and enrollment is at 90%.
    2. Trike Days will be September 16th and 17th so the parking lot will be busy.
    3. Little Blessings is working with the Children's Ministry (Noelle) for Fall Fun Fest which will be September 20th.

B. Finance Update - Eric
    1. Year-to-date, we are $31,000 better than we thought we'd be.
    2. Funding Our Future was started and 1% of that bucket will be used to pay off the mortgage. The mortgage payment is around $18,000 per month and we have 21 years left on the mortgage. At the end of September, the financials will be reviewed relative to the mortgage and adjustments may be made.
    3. The value of endowments just went over the $1 million mark.

C. Snow Removal Agreement (Beyond the Green) - Laura
    1. This is a 2-year contract that is fee based. The fee increased from $13,500 to $14,000. This fee covers as many shovelings as we need for snowfall of 2 inches or more. They will also do an hourly rate for the pre-school if there are lower levels of snow.
    2. Eric moved that we accept the contract and Li seconded, It was approved unanimously.
    3. Kelly will sign the approved contract.

D. Grounds Crew Update - Ron
    1. A big issue is equipment breakdowns. Jon talked to Dan Reinschmidt and Dan is willing to help. Laura will send Ron Dan's contact information so the Grounds Crew can reach out to him.
    2. Laura mentioned that the Eden Gardeners may have some funds to buy new equipment, so the Grounds Crew may want to contact them.

E. SPRC Update – Facilities Coordinator– Kelly
    1. The new Facilities Coordinator, Tokie Aromona, started last week. He will work in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to noon, He may also work on Fridays.

F. Fall Fair 9/13 – Kelly
    1. Kelly and Sue will man the table for the Leadership Board.
    2. Laura suggested that we have a list of all the teams; Kelly suggested candy!

G. Board Position Vacancy
    1. We will need 2 new members on the Leadership Board at the beginning of 2027
    2. Also need a Lay Leader (someone good at connections)
    3. Lay member to the Annual Conference are also needed
        a. The 2027 Annual Conference will be at St. Andrews in Highlands Ranch
    4. A list of members already contacted/asked is needed.

H. Third Quarter Reminder: Staff to Board Assignments
    1. Assigned staff who have been contacted are all good.
    2. Staff assignments be asked how they are doing with regard to taking vacations.
    3. Eric will need to meet Tokie, Elizabeth's replacement

VII. New Business and any other items of importance and interest

A. FBP new lease agreement for a new Little Blessings copier.
    1. They have had this company for the past five years and the rate is better than the prior rate.
    2. Candi and Emily recommend this company.
    3. Eric moved to accept the new lease agreement; Li seconded the motion; approved unanimously

B. Contract for Landscaping
    1. The north playground outside the nursery has sink holes.
    2. Alan Cook, chairman of the building team talked to two companies and recommended The Perfect Lawn
        a. The estimate to do the work is $5,900.
        b. Tokie reviewed the contract and made recommendations about adding some language relative to guarantees.
        c. We are waiting for a response from The Perfect Lawn, and expecting a revised contract.

C. Adult Education
    1. They are working on devotionals for Advent and will ask the entire congregation to submit personal stories.
        a. Would like some Board members to participate
    2. Expecting a maximum of 200-250 words
    3. Story is subject to editing and may be published on an anonymous basis
    4. Deadline for submission is October 11th
    5. Kelly will share with the Board the different themes they are suggesting

D. Update on Security System
    1. There have been lots of complications with the new system
    2. Last week, new cameras and a new app were installed
    3. The lockdown functionality and ability to open doors via the app are working
    4. Getting closer to being complete

VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

A. Peter will provide the devotion

IX. Closing prayer

A. Kelly closed us in prayer

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes of September 1, 2026 were submitted to Laura and Kelly for review on September 3, 2026.

Sue Saip, Leadership Board Member