



Leadership Board Minutes for January 9, 2024
Parker United Methodist Church
11805 S. Pine Drive, Parker, CO 80134

Leadership Board Members

Kim Bimestefer (Co-Chair)
Steve Brase
Lacye Cahill
Julie Kronbach, Lay Leader
Doug McKinney
Laura Easter Rainwater, Senior Pastor

Li Roberson
Eric Ross
Elizabeth Gore Stanley
Linda Thomas
Tricia Woods, Little Blessings Preschool Director
Ron Wyckoff

Members joined by Zoom:

Steve Brase
Lacye Cahill
Elizabeth Gore Stanley
Tricia Woods

Members not in Attendance:

Susan Gustin
David Haukeness

Call To Order: Kim called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

- A. Introductions were done of all Board members.
- B. Opening devotion: Kim presented a devotion on mission involvement within and outside the church. Board members shared examples of their service.
- C. Board Officers for 2024:

Co-Chairs	Kim and Ron
Co Vice-Chairs	Lacye and Elizabeth
Recording Secretary	Susan
- D. Board Member Committee Assignments for 2024 (Susan's and David's interests need to be added):
 - i. Finance: Linda, Eric, Dan O'Neill(emeritus)
 - ii. SPRC: Kim, Lacye, Doug, Elizabeth
 - iii. Building and Maintenance: Ron, Doug
 - iv. Endowment: Linda, Eric, Steve
 - v. Stewardship: Li, Linda
 - vi. Missions: Kim, Julie
 - vii. Christian Education: Doug, Elizabeth, Ron, Li, Lacye
 - viii. Health/Emergency Response: Kim, Elizabeth, Julie, Ron, Steve
 - ix. Building Future: Doug, Eric, Lacye
 - x. Communications: Doug, Elizabeth
- E. The 2024 Leadership Board Covenant was distributed. All Covenant forms are to be signed and returned to Pastor Laura.
- F. Review and approval of minutes of November 7. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Eric, minutes were unanimously approved.
- G. Senior Pastor's report:
 - i. Membership update (as reported at Annual Conference)
New members – 40 joined as members, 1 clergy committed to serving here, 12 confirmands
 - ii. 35 have withdrawn, 4 transferred out, 3 transferred to another denomination
 - iii. Membership Audit update –continuing to update the database



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- iv. Worship updates 2023 averages
 - 9:00 a.m. service = 197
 - 10:30 a.m. service = 58
 - Total in person = 255 (197 + 58), both services
 - Online viewers = 212 (not included above)
 - Christmas Eve worship: 1400+ worshipers
- v. A Building Future team has been crated to address increasing costs
 - i. Mortgage interest rate increase of 2% January 2024
 - ii. Property/liability insurance going up by 50%. Wind/hail deductible will not be purchased again. In the event of a claim we will fund repairs from reserves so as to not risk cancellation after making a claim
 - iii. Long term property decisions need to be made this year
- vi. A Health/Emergency Response Team is being formed
 - a. Cut live stream in worship when medical emergencies are encountered
 - b. Update policies
 - c. Recent Sunday event reviewed with Staff for process improvement
 - d. Decision needed on what information to share

Business Items

- H. Stewardship
 - i. Numbers are fairly analogous to prior year
- I. Finance Team
 - i. presented the proposed 2024 budget of \$1,063,004.
 - ii. Following discussion, and giving thanks to God that we have moved beyond the uncertainty of 2023, Kim moved, Eric seconded, and the budget was unanimously approved
 - iii. We need to communicate finances to the congregation, Dan made methodology suggestions prior to “retiring” from the Leadership Board
- J. Fellowship Hall Renovation
 - i. Pastor Laura presented the bid and John Quest’s summary for renovation by Dencal Construction. John Quest has been instrumental in the review and planning process
 - ii. Following discussion, the bid of \$178,487.45 was approved by acclamation
- K. Missions Survey Review
 - i. Kim reviewed the concept but discussion was deferred due to the meeting duration
- L. Communications Team
 - i. Doug invited Elizabeth to join the team
- M. Building and Grounds
 - i. no report
- N. ERC



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- i. pending approval, application was submitted timely
- O. A Table For All
 - i. Retreat January 16-18.
 - ii. Both pastors will be offsite for the week.
- P. Property Insurance
 - i. The recommended bid was discussed and approved during the Sr. Pastor's report. We will not purchase the wind and hail rider for 2024
- Q. Methodists Helping Methodists
 - i. We have received a \$3000 grant to address mental health issue
 - ii. Pastor Cody and Noelle are addressing this.
- R. Pastor Laura asked what January Sunday members would be in worship to be introduced to the congregation. This will be done on January 28.
- S. Items for the upcoming newsletter
 - i. Budget
 - ii. Fellowship Hall update
- T. Chris Carr, Supervisory District Superintendent, will be at a future Board meeting to get to know us.
- U. Next meeting will be held February 6. Doug will give the devotion.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kronbach