



Leadership Board Minutes for May 6, 2025

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

Leadership Board Members:

Li Roberson (Chair)

Dave Ambors

Kim Bimestefer

Kelly Evans (Vice-Chair)

Susan Gustin

Heidi Handel

Julie Kronbach, Lay Leader

John Quest

Laura Easter Rainwater, Senior Pastor

Eric Ross

Emily Shaffer, Little Blessings Preschool Director

Elizabeth Gore Stanley

Ron Wyckoff

Members not in Attendance:

Dave Ambors

Susan Gustin

Heidi Handel

Emily Shaffer

- I. Call to order: Li called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Li opened us with a reflection from Proverbs
- III. Review and approval of minutes of April 1, 2025
 - A. Ron moved to approve; Eric seconded
- IV. Senior Pastor's Report
 - A. Worship Number Updates – holding consistent (look better because of Easter)
 - B. New Members Joining - 5/18/25
 - C. Easter numbers were down a little, but likely due to the uncertain weather; Palm Sunday was actually up
 - D. Leading a Revelation Class on Mondays
 - E. Other Adult Ed Classes – continuing through the summer except Tuesday morning class
 - F. Upcoming Work
 1. Susan Gustin continues to help Sarah and Laura with a membership audit; Kim requested an update next meeting
 2. Working to tighten up building/facility usage agreements
 3. Drafting Volunteer Process/Recruitment Strategy (hoping by end of summer)
 4. Continuing work with Health & Safety Team – follow up with safety plan
 5. Communications Team – working on updating the directional signs throughout the building
 6. Jane Smith has been coordinating online hosts for church services – she is working on a schedule
- V. Business items
 - A. Security Central Contract Renewal

1. Laura – The contract covers the fire alarm; door lock; inspecting fire extinguishers; fire sprinklers; four surveillance cameras
 2. Li - 3-year extension at current price
 3. Julie moved to accept the contract; Eric seconded; motion passed unanimously
- B. Same-Sex Weddings (Book of Discipline) – Laura
1. Pastor has the right and responsibility to decide what services will happen in the church (funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc.)
 2. If the pastor says no, then it's a strict no
- C. Parker Police vs. Sheriff - Laura
1. There was a question from a congregant about the lack of police presence on Sundays
 2. It's been inconsistent because of a lack of staffing from the Parker Police
 3. We will just stay with the Parker Police when they can cover
 4. Ron – can an empty car park in our lot or nearby as a deterrent? Laura will ask the question
- D. Summer Theater 2025 – Li
1. Li - Sonia is too busy to run the show; Kim can't commit to the leadership role
 2. Elizabeth – discussion has involved doing a drama (like “Our Town”) or a variety show
 3. Laura – revisit in the fall for 2026 (add to agenda in September 2025) so that the idea doesn't disappear
 4. John – can we use the fellowship hall for this effort in the future; the worship space should be “God's house” only
 5. Li – we will do the best that we can depending on the complexity of the show
- E. Recreation Team Update – John
1. John - Men's Group is interested in managing and coordinating activities in the fellowship hall
 2. John - For now, the point of contact would be John, but the logistics, legalities, etc. need to be worked through
 3. Li – could Sarah speak with the Men's Group to seek further understanding
 4. Laura – over the summer, let's work toward getting business usage agreements ironed out
 5. John - TVs are ready to be mounted this weekend
- F. CPR Classes Update – Heidi – postponed due to Heidi's absence
- G. SPRC Pastor Evaluation Update (2025) - Kelly
1. Eric moved to accept the SPRC summaries for both Cody and Laura; Ron seconded; motion unanimously approved
 2. Kelly – SMART Goals for Cody
 - a. Discussion landed on SPRC goals of (1) developing the youth program further, (2) ongoing community outreach, including growing Faith On Tap and expanding to other venues to encourage small groups, and (3) being responsive to people wishing to spearhead new groups they are passionate about and helping to facilitate those
 - b. Ron moved to accept three general SPRC goals; Eric seconded; motion unanimously approved
 3. Kelly – SMART Goals for Laura
 - a. Discussion landed on SPRC goals of (1) financial sustainability, (2) continuing to lead/offer discipleship that helps to grow leaders in the congregation, and (3) creating an outreach team, specifically to work as representatives for PUMC on the Parker Faith Council
 - b. Ron moved to accept three general SPRC goals; Eric seconded; motion unanimously approved
 4. Kim suggested the Board work to put together board metrics to better track and evaluate church growth, budgets, etc. – Li, Ron, and Kelly will meet to work on these

- VI. New Business
 - A. No new business

- VII. Next meeting
 - A. Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Eric will provide the devotion
 - C. Susan may have to miss which will mean we will need someone to take the minutes

- VIII. Li closed us in prayer

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes of May 6, 2025 were submitted to Laura and Li for review on May 7, 2025.

Kelly Evans, Leadership Vice-Chair