



## Leadership Board Minutes for October 7, 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

Laura Easter Rainwater, Senior Pastor

Eric Ross

Emily Shaffer, Little Blessings Preschool Director

Elizabeth Gore Stanley

Ron Wyckoff

### Members not in Attendance:

Laura Rainwater

Elizabeth Gore Stanley

- I. Call to order: Li called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Devotion
  - A. Heidi presented a devotion based on Phil 2:3
- III. Review and approval of minutes of September 2, 2025
  - A. Correction to date of today's meeting
  - B. Ron moved to approve; Eric seconded
  - C. Approved unanimously
- IV. Senior Pastor's Report
  - A. Laura is out-of-town, sent in notes (attached as part of these minutes)
  - B. Li reviewed Laura's notes
- V. Business items
  - A. New elevator contract
    1. Contract sent out to Board members ahead of time
    2. Costs less than previous contract
    3. Dave – any negatives to this new contract?
      - a. Ron/Li – none apparent
    4. Dave moved that we accept the new contract; Ron seconded the motion
    5. Passed unanimously
  - B. Review the language of the Leadership Board Guiding Principles
    1. Two areas
      - a. Clarify plans for determining chair/vice-chair
      - b. Requiring a break before someone serves another term on the Board
        - 1) Current thought is to require a 1-year break, recommend a minimum 2-year break
        - 2) Dave – in favor of promoting the 2-year break to develop the experience on the Board

- 3) Ron – some concerns about sustainability of Board membership is require 2-year break
  2. Julie – are the current dollar approval levels still appropriate?
    - a. Li – no indication that this has been a problem
    - b. We can revisit if seems to become a problem
  3. Ron – how should we approach these updates as an action item?
    - a. Li – suggest presenting wording first to Laura and then to Board to get approval
    - b. Ron + Kelly + Li will draft the wording
    - c. Board can review ahead of the next meeting
- C. Little Blessings – Emily
1. Happy to report that Little Blessings is at 94% capacity
  2. Already working on registration for 2026-27, which will start in December
  3. Eric – what is the meaning of the painted rock in front of the school?
    - a. Emily – fundraiser. Parents can pay \$20 to “rent” the rock and paint a message on it
    - b. Several Board members expressed support for the rock
    - c. Rock already paid for itself.
- D. Finance update – Eric
1. We continue to look better than initially anticipated
  2. Preschool also looking solid
  3. There will be a meeting October 28 between Finance Team and Little Blessings to figure out how to balance finances
    - a. Instead of having Little Blessings send all of its surplus to the church and then request funds back for some upgrades, meeting will determine how to allocate the Little Blessings surplus
- E. Water damage repairs – Dave
1. Mold problem is mitigated, preschool rooms ready to be used again
  2. Need to start over with bids for more permanent fixes
  3. Allen Cook (Buildings Team) feels it is a good plan to seal the walls, floor
    - a. Eric – Is this a water table issue? In a heavy rain, will the problem just pop up in another, unsealed area?
- F. Update on getting new members for the Board
1. Li went over the current list of nominees who are identified on the agenda
    - a. Kyle Snoich. Said yes, now a member of the church. Application sent
    - b. Peter Farney. Said yes. Application sent
    - c. Sue Saip. Said yes; Julie will send the application forms to her
    - d. Jon Bray. Said yes. Application sent
    - e. Gene Olvera. When Heidi spoke with him, he said would do only if really needed. Li will follow up with him
  2. Laura – has created Google spreadsheet to track not only who has served on Leadership Board, but who has been approached about serving and their response
    - a. People who said no: Trish Hines, Barb Miles, Allen Cook, Walt Burns, Wade McCorkle
  3. New people to pursue
    - a. Dawn Sheffield – Kim will contact
    - b. Tia Reinschmidt – Heidi will contact
  4. We need to fill 6 total vacancies
    - a. In addition to current 2 vacancies, have 4 people cycling off in January 2026, which is only 3 months away
    - b. Also need to replace the Lay Member of Annual Conference
      - 1) Ron – not a voting member of the Board, so less crucial to replace

- VI. Closing prayer
  - A. Li closed us in prayer
  
- VII. Next meeting
  - A. Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
  - B. Susan will provide the devotion

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes of October 7, 2025 were submitted to Laura and Li for review on October 11, 2025.

Susan Gustin, Leadership Board Member