



Leadership Board Minutes for April 7, 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

- I. Call to order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Devotion
 - A. Kyle presented a devotion about "Looking Forward to the Monday after Easter".
- III. Review and approval of minutes of March 3, 2026
 - A. Li moved to approve; Geoff seconded
 - B. Approved unanimously
- IV. Senior Pastor's Report
 - A. Stats for 2026
 1. Membership: 3 new members in February
 2. 3 have passed away: Jane Moore, Mary Lou Glass, Judy Crowley on March 31; Mary Lou was not a member
 3. Worship:
 - a. Currently we averaged 266 in Sunday morning worship for both services (192 + 74 - includes Easter) and 166 who worship online (this is YouTube views).
 - b. We averaged around 40 for all other non-Sunday morning services
 - c. For Holy Week:
 - 1) Palm Sunday = 350 in person; 350 last year
 - 2) Maundy Thursday = 30; 25 last year
 - 3) Good Friday = 60; 36 last year
 - 4) Easter Eve = 150; 82 last year
 - 5) Easter Sunday = 788; 774 last year
 - B. Mortgage - Eric will share with the Board a recent conversation held with Kristi Kinnison from the Methodists Helping Methodists Foundation. Addressing the mortgage is one of Pastor Laura's main goals this year.

- C. New sermon series are being worked on. The next 3 weeks the series will cover post resurrection encounters with Jesus.
- D. Pastor Laura will meet with members interested in adult Sunday School on Sunday, April 19th.

V. Business Items

A. Little Blessings Pre-School - Emily

- 1. We are down to 7 weeks of school left
- 2. The pre-school prom will be held April 25th. The online auction will open April 20th.
- 3. As of April 1st, enrollment is at 87% for the August start date
- 4. A bid was received from Security Central to cover replacement of the camera/doorbell for the office and pre-school entrances, installation of a keypad by the west entrance, and making changes needed for a lock-down system.
 - a. The bid is \$23,845, plus \$1,800 for video doorbells.
 - b. Little Blessing will cover the cost of the changes
 - c. Eric moved to approve payment; Li seconded; approved unanimously
 - d. Eric will sign the revised agreement in the next few days.

B. Finance Update - Eric

- 1. Currently, we are ahead of the budget and are also ahead relative to February 2025.
- 2. Financial policies were reviewed and revised and are now current and consistent with actual practice.
 - a. Version 8 is posted online
- 3. We need to do a 2025 audit
 - a. Contact Eric or Dave if you want to help with this
 - b. The time commitment is a couple of hours and a couple of meetings
- 4. Bids have been received for parking lots repairs
 - a. The work will be done over a 2-year period
 - b. About \$44,000 of work will be done in 2026 and \$49,000 will be done in 2027
 - c. Finance needs to figure out the funds for the repairs, will get official approval from the Endowment Committee, and then will do an email vote of the Leadership Board for approval.
- 5. Discussions were held with Kristi Kinnison from the Methodists Helping Methodists Foundation about different options to reduce mortgage payments.
 - a. The Foundation holds PUMC's mortgage
 - b. One option is to use some of the funds invested with Charles Schwab (balance is \$650,00) and move it to the Foundation. The current interest rate on these funds is about 7%. Interest on those funds could then be used to reduce the mortgage payments.
 - c. There are two main endowments: Stroh endowment and general endowment
 - 1) Income generated on these funds could be used to help pay the mortgage
 - d. Finance is looking at options to "sell" to the congregation.

C. PUMC's Welcoming Statement

- 1. The last paragraph of the welcoming statement was discussed; it is difficult to find on the website
- 2. Kelly read a similar statement from the bulletin of another Methodist church
- 3. The Board agreed that our welcoming statement needs to be made more visible on the website and possibly in the Sunday bulletin
- 4. Ushers and greeters need to be made aware of the change reflected in this statement.
- 5. Ron and Eric agreed to work with Pastor Laura to create/organize an Outreach Committee and we need to recruit extroverted members to serve on the committee

- D. Missions
 - 1. Kyle agreed to be the board representative for the Missions Team. Meetings are held on Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
 - 2. The Board needed to approve the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) agreement for 2026
 - a. Li moved to approve, Kyle seconded, and it was approved unanimously
 - E. Board Position Vacancy – no suggestions were made regarding interested parties
 - F. First Quarter Reminder: Staff to Board Assignments
 - 1. Eric, Kelly, and Dave reported that their assigned staff is doing OK.
 - 2. Peter has not yet checked in with Paul and Jon
 - G. Welcoming others at church – stories were shared by some Board members about their experiences
- VI. New Business and any other items of importance and interest
 - A. Kelly will add a bereavement section to the SPRC policies and then will finalize the document
 - VII. Next meeting
 - A. Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Eric will provide the devotion
 - VIII. Closing prayer
 - A. Kelly closed us in prayer

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes of April 7, 2026 were submitted to Laura and Kelly for review on April 14, 2026.

Sue Saip, Leadership Board Member