

West Shore Evangelical Free Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2019
6:00 PM

Opening:

Worship in song led by Chris Parliament

Call to Order/Prayer:

by Mark Blanchard, Chairman of the Elder Board, 6:08 P.M.

Quorum / Joel G:

A quorum was affirmed

New Members / Mark Blanchard:

The following were presented and recommended to the Congregation by the Elder Board for membership as presented by Mark Blanchard. All new members were invited to introduce themselves and give a brief testimony as to their decision to become a member of West Shore:

Melinda Bear	Wayne Ferris	Ron Hodge
Jonathan Brown	Maggie Ferris	Diane Hodge
Crystal Brown	Ken Frazier	Troy Morgan
Michael Callahan	Diane Frazier	Christina Morgan
Matt Campbell	Josh Gallaher	Benjamin Paulding
Alesha Campbell	Mallary Gallaher	Marissa Paulding
Evan Clay	Harry Gebert	Katie Pershing
Jessica Clay	Janice Gebert	Carl Reiber
Bob Dresser	William Goodyear	Nancy Reiber
Jen Dructor	Cindy Goodyear	Lucas Ratzlaff
		Richard Yarlet

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved for membership (Emily Chase / Matt Krise 2nd)*

Action: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Elder Nominations / Mark Blanchard

Mark Blanchard explained the rotation schedule of current elders requires a tenth lay elder be added to the Elder Board to insure experienced leadership in the future.

The following individuals are recommended to serve on the Board of Elders for the designated term:

Tom Neff-	1 st Three-year term expiring June 30, 2022
Dave Baechtle -	2 nd Three-year term expiring June 30, 2022
Joel Gordon -	2 nd Three-year term expiring June 30, 2022
Tony Lucido -	2 nd Three-year term expiring June 30, 2022
Jeff Niner -	2 nd Three-year term expiring June 30, 2022

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved as Elders (Seth Shoemaker / Jay Zimmerman 2nd)*

Action: Approved by ballot vote

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Elder Nominating Committee / Mark Blanchard

Mark Blanchard provided an explanation to church members that new timeframes and a more thorough vetting process require an Elder Nominating Committee to be in place one year prior to elder elections. The Elder Board has designated elders Matt Krise and Jeff Niner to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.

The following congregational members were recommended by the Elder Board to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee:

Krista Cochran
Tim Jones
Julie McNair

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved as members of the Elder Nominating Committee
(Ken Thompson / Paul Mank 2nd)*

Action: Approved by ballot vote

2019-20 General Fund Budget Proposal / Tim Ryan

Tim Ryan introduced the 2019-20 budget proposal that represents a 5.7% increase over the 2018-19 budget. Tim explained this budget provides resource increases of 2.0% to every ministry area for the first time since 2010. This budget also provides a 2.0% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all personnel and a \$50,000 contribution to the capital replacement reserve. This fund enables us to maintain our facilities for years to come.

Tim advised the continued generous giving of God's people enables us to project a giving surplus for the second consecutive year.

Motion: *That the 2019-20 Budget be approved as recommended
(Richard Parke / John Nesbit 2nd)*

Action: Approved by ballot vote

Conversation and Prayer with new elder Tom Neff / Mark Blanchard

Mark introduced Tom Neff and asked Tom to share about his involvement in Alpha and the church prayer team. Mark prayed for Tom as he begins his new role of elder.

Church Ministry Update / Trent Thompson

...Trent shared that our first Strategic Initiative on Foster Care is going well. At least 140 people are now involved in some aspect of foster care. Eleven new support teams have been formed to provide various forms of assistance to foster families. As a result of our church efforts, other local churches are now willing to take up the cause.

...Trent reported that our church is responding well to Alpha classes, with almost 150 people inviting friends to participate in the Alpha program.

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...Trent is pleased to see how the Holy Spirit is enabling listeners to apply the sermons to their lives. The prayer team is hearing from many people responding to the work of the Holy Spirit through the sermons.

Adjourned: 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Gordon, Secretary