

West Shore Evangelical Free Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2018
6:00 PM

Opening:

Worship in song led by George Romanacce

Call to Order/Prayer:

by Mark Blanchard, Chairman of the Elder Board, 6:05 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. Each individual was invited to introduce themselves and give a brief testimony as to their decision to become a member of West Shore:

Drew Clancy	Cheryl-Lynn Lerew	Rose Sheives
Jim Clark	Dan Lerew	Tom Sheives
Teri Clark	Josh Lininger	Nancy Toburen
Nicole Gash	Stacey Lininger	Paul Toburen
Scott Gash	Kim Mankey	Bonnie Watson
Dana Gross	Terry Monn	Mark Watson
Ashley Herrera	Kristin Sassaman	Dan Womer
Laurie Houser	Amy Shea	Rachelle Womer
Mark Houser	Scott Shea	

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved for membership
(Seth Shoemaker / Marilyn Lesko 2nd)*

Action: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Elder Nominating Committee / Mark Blanchard

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

Jeff Niner-	Current Elder to serve as Chair
Matt Krise-	Current Elder
Katie Broeg-	Congregational member
Chris VanHart-	Congregational member
Ruth Ann Zimmerman-	Congregational member

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved as the Elder Nominating
Committee*

(Elder Board / Mitch Baum 2nd)

Action: Approved by ballot vote

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Updates / Trent Thompson:

...Executive Pastor, John Nesbitt will be retiring at the end of August 2018. Trent expressed thankfulness for John's exemplary contributions to the successful functioning of the church for almost nineteen years. The Elder Board has begun a search process for John's replacement.

...Steve Lockwood has been hired as Director of Operations in anticipation of the coming retirement of Paul Mank, who has faithfully served the church for more than ten years. As a result, Steve has submitted his resignation to the Elder Board.

...After thirteen years as CEO of Forgotten Voices, Ryan Keith will be joining the church staff as Pastor of Strategic Initiatives, beginning July 2018. Upon commencement of his staff employment, Ryan will be resigning from the Elder Board. Ryan has been serving on the City Team for more than one year and will champion the movement to live out our mission statement of "Seeking the good of the West Shore and beyond through deep truth, deep lives and deep love, for the glory of Christ."

Trent reported City Team listening in our community revealed the brokenness of the nuclear family as a major contributor to challenges being faced by local residents. The most prominently expressed needs related to mentoring of youth and lack of transportation.

...Trent reported the initial Leadership Track Development was launched September 2017. Additional Leadership Track Development opportunities will be provided beginning September 2018.

Closing Prayer: Mark Blanchard

Adjourned: 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Gordon, Secretary