

West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2019  
7:00 PM

**Attending:**

Dave Baechtle, Dave Balinski, Mark Blanchard, Joel Gordon, Matt Krise, Erik Lindquist, Tony Lucido, Tom Neff, Jeff Niner, Tim Ryan, Nate Shuff, Trent Thompson

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:**

by Mark Blanchard, 7:13 P.M.

**Prayer:**

Dave Balinski

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the 09/10/19 Board Meeting be approved as distributed  
(Dave Baechtle / Dave Balinski 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 11-0 by voice vote of elders present at time of vote

**New Members:** Clinton and Nancy Barnes, Interviewed by Tom Neff

**Motion:** *That the above candidates be recommended for membership  
(Tom Neff / Matt K 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 11-0 by voice vote of elders present at time of vote

**Sabbatical Report / Nate Winters**

Nate expressed appreciation to the Elder Board for the sabbatical opportunity and shared various sabbatical experiences. The Elder Board prayed for Nate as he resumes his responsibilities on our ministerial staff.

**Team Reports / Team Chairs:**

**Stewardship Team / Matt K:**

The Stewardship team met in September to discuss an Investment Policy Statement and Gift Acceptance Form.

**Facilities Team / Nate S:**

No report this month.

**Human Resources Team / Tony L:**

The Human Resources Team reviewed the Sabbatical Request from Ian Campbell and unanimously recommends Elder Board acceptance.

**Motion:** *That the Sabbatical Request of Ian Campbell be approved by the Elder Board  
(Tony L / Jeff N 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 11-0 by voice vote of elders present at time of vote

West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2019  
7:00 PM

**Personnel Items / Tim R**

**Women's Ministry / Tim R**

Tim provided a written update from Ryan Keith, chair of the Women's Ministry Search Team.

**Children's Ministry / Tim R**

Tim reported the hiring of Amy Underkoffler as Children's Educational Ministry Associate.

**2019-20 Ministry Goals / Tim R**

Tim provided to the Elder Board the 2019-20 Ministry Goals for Worship, Belong, Train and Multiply, as well as individual Ministry Goals for Awesome Adventure, Caring, Communication, Disability, Prayer and Student.

**Miscellaneous Updates**

**Eastern District Conference Report / Tim R**

Tim provided a report on the Eastern District EFCA Conference, which was attended by ten staff members, who participated in various breakout sessions. Many good connections were made with other pastors.

Tim reported the Eastern District voted to disband as a legal entity and come under the authority of the EFCA Home Office. A team will now provide leadership, but there will no longer be a superintendent.

**Next Generation / Trent T**

Trent will attend his last Next Generation Conference Oct 22-24. He expressed appreciation to the Elder Board for the opportunity to participate in Next Generation.

**Leadership Development Track / Tim R**

Tim provided a list of participants in this year's Leadership Development Track and reminded elders to visit training sessions.

**Elder Nominating Committee / Matt K and Jeff N**

Elders were provided with a timeline of the process for accepting, reviewing and ranking of elder nominees. The Elder Nominating Committee will meet Oct 28 to begin the review process.

**Constitution and Bylaws / Mark B**

Mark provided a new Constitution and Bylaws to the Elder Board reflecting the wording change approved at the EFCA National Conference.

**Feedback / Trent T**

Trent advised elders they do not need an invitation to join the prayer team after services, but should insure they are wearing a Prayer Team lanyard.

**Closing Prayer:**

Mark Blanchard

West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2019  
7:00 PM

**Adjourned:**

8:37 P.M.

**Next Meeting:**

Business Meeting (November 12, 2019)

Shepherding Meeting (November 23, 2019)

Business Meeting (December 10, 2019)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Gordon