

West Shore Evangelical Free Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2019
6:00 PM

Opening:

Worship in song led by George Romanacce

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:

Andrew Benner	Jake Lucas	Marianne Rossi
Nicole Benner	Jordan Reed	Jerry Ryan
Doug Berguson	Lydia Reed	Darlene Ryan
Tim Dunlap	Brian Reidell	Jason Shapiro
Lisa Dunlap	Anne Reidell	Faith Shapiro
Kris Dunton	Charles Richey	Karen Smith
Dave Fleming	Kristen Richey	Thomas Steck
Pam Fleming	Shawn Robinson	Shelley Steck
William Hinkle	Gillian Robinson	Wendell Witter
Joanne Hinkle	Joe Rossi	Teri Witter

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved for membership
(Dave Baechtle / Ken Thompson 2nd)*

Action: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Elder Nominations / Mark Blanchard

Mark explained how the more in-depth review of elder candidates has lengthened the elder nominating process, requiring changes to the previous elder nominating schedule. As a result, the Elder Nominating Committee will now be voted on at the June Congregational Meeting to allow one year for the completion of the nominating process.

There are no elder terms expiring this year, but the Elder Board has approved the addition of a tenth lay elder to the board, as permitted by church bylaws. Therefore, elder nominations are open to fill the tenth position. In addition, the Elder Board has requested the current Elder Nominating Committee to serve until this position is filled at the June 2019 Congregational Meeting.

Student Ministry Director Search Update / Tim Ryan

Senior High

Tim advised current Interim Director, Russ Allen, has provided positive leadership to the Senior High and agreed to serve through the Senior High trip to Harvey Cedars. Russ has reduced the number of hours being worked due to a student teaching position at Northern York High School. Additional leadership is being provided by Quay San, who is serving as an intern for the spring semester.

The next step in filling the Senior High Director position will be decided in March 2019.

Junior High

Tim advised that Coleman Rafferty has been interning since fall and agreed to serve through the spring. The Junior High Director Search Team is working with a search consultant, who will interview applicants and refer three to five top candidates to the search team in February 2019. Tim remarked on the positive influence being provided by the increasing number of Messiah College student volunteers.

State of the Church Address / Trent Thompson:

...Trent shared how he and Amanda have come to adore the church after four and one-half years of ministry.

...Trent remarked how our church is gaining momentum in living out our mission statement, "Seeking the good of the West Shore and beyond through deep truth, deep lives, and deep love, for the glory of Christ." Examples cited were the Foster Care Initiative, developing relationships with local, public school districts, Cumberland Pointe ministry, Refugee ministry, and marketplace initiatives by our members as they take the gospel to their workplace and neighborhoods.

...Trent reported how our church is progressing in our four strategies:

Worship - We have created an atmosphere of joyful expectation that God will move as we gather and become a culture of invitation. We are experiencing a growth rate of 5% per year.

Belong - The percentage of people involved in Life Groups, while short of our 85% goal, continues to increase substantially. Most noteworthy is the manner in which we care for each other and surround each other in prayer.

Train - The second Leadership Development Track of twenty students is taking place this year.

Multiply - The Alpha course is now being offered at several sites outside the church. Trent reminded us that gospel proclamation must always be a part of our community involvement.

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Trent praised God and thanked the congregation for the budget surplus we experienced last fiscal year and advised we are trusting God to meet our budget this fiscal year.

Trent's final remarks, using a business example, reminded us that our customer is God and our product is us. God is the one we seek to please above all else.

Closing Prayer: Trent Thompson

Adjourned: 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Gordon, Secretary