

West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2020  
7:00 PM

**Attending:**

Dave Baechtle, Mark Blanchard, Joel Gordon, Erik Lindquist, Dave Mills, Tom Neff, John Nesbitt, Jeff Niner, Trent Thompson

**Absent:**

Tony Lucido, Tim Ryan, Nate Shuff

**Call to Order:**

by Mark Blanchard, 7:10 P.M.

**Prayer:**

Mark Blanchard

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the 07/14/20 Elder Board Meeting be approved as distributed (Jeff N / Erik L 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 9-0 by voice vote

**Team Reports / Mark B:**

**Stewardship Team**

No report this month

**Facilities Team**

No report this month

**Human Resources Team**

No report this month

**FY19-20 Surplus Recommendations / Trent T**

Trent presented the FY19-20 Surplus Recommendations to the Elder Board. The recommendations included savings for potential financial instability, tools for current ministry needs, and initiatives for current and future opportunities.

**Motion:** *To accept the FY19-20 Surplus Recommendations as presented, with an amendment to reserve a one-time catch-up mortgage payment of one month, if the Elder Board determines funds can be released at the conclusion of the FY. (John N / Dave B 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 9-0 by voice vote

**FY20-21 Budget Report / Trent T**

Trent provided a comparison of FY20-21 giving to FY19-20 giving, which indicates July giving is \$30,000 less than last FY.

**Fall 2020 Church Services and Operations Review / Trent T**

Trent reported on the Response Team efforts and current recommendations for the fall 2020. Trent also presented to the Elder Board the Theological Framework – Response to COVID/Pandemic, which will be shared with the congregation in future weeks.

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**Baptism Services / Trent T**

Trent advised baptism services will be held September 10 and 13. An online training session will take place September 1. Elders will be asked to provide availability to assist with training and baptism services.

**Women's Ministry Meeting Schedule / Mark B**

Mark reminded elders of the previously transmitted meeting schedule, and encouraged elders to complete reading assignments prior to the start of meetings on September 8.

**Elder Led Prayer / Tom N**

Tom provided an update on the Elder Led Prayer session of August 5.

**Closing Prayers for Pastor Trent**

Joel Gordon  
Mark Blanchard  
Dave Mills  
John Nesbitt

**Adjourned:**

9:10 P.M.

**Next Meeting:**

Elder Board Meeting (September 8, 2020)  
Research/Study Meeting (September 15, 2020)  
Shepherding Meeting (September 19, 2020)  
Research/Study Meeting (September 22, 2020)  
Research/Study Meeting (September 29, 2020)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Gordon