

West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2019  
7:00 PM

**Attending:**

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

**Absent:** Tony Lucido

**Call to Order:**

by Mark Blanchard, 7:05 P.M.

**Prayer:**

Mark Blanchard

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the 01/08/19 Board Meeting be approved as distributed*

*(Jeff N /Trent T 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 10-0 by voice vote

**New Members:** Ben and Marissa Paulding, Interviewed by Dave Baechtle

**Motion:** *That the above candidates be recommended for membership*

*(Dave Baechtle/ Trent T 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 10-0 by voice vote

**Team Reports / Team Chairs:**

**Stewardship Team / Matt K:**

Financial Peace University began February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Facilities Team / Dave B:**

Nate Shuff, Dave Balinski, Ned Davis, and Steve Lockwood meeting this week to discuss transition and next meeting agenda.

**Human Resources Team / Tony L:**

Next meeting scheduled February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Missions Leadership Team / Erik L:**

Voice of the Martyrs Conference is being held at West Shore Free Church on March 16<sup>th</sup>. More than 500 participants have already registered.

The MLT presented the Support Reduction Elder Communication Policy to the Elder Board.

**Elder Led Prayer / Joel G and Jeff N**

Six people requested prayer on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Joel and Jeff shared how God amazingly orchestrated connections between those coming for prayer and elders available to pray that evening.

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**Baptism Service Feedback / Trent T**

Elder provided feedback including the joy of hearing all testimonies. Elders affirmed that more than one baptism service a year enables us to "Walk the Talk." Elders noted testimonies heard reflected the growing outreach of our church into the community, as well as the increased vulnerability of those growing up in the church.

As a result of elder feedback, Trent will provide additional training for friends and family chosen to do the baptizing.

**2020 Church Holidays / Tim R**

**Motion:** *That the following dates be designated as church office holidays for 2020:*

<i>January 1</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>
<i>April 10 or 13</i>	<i>Good Friday, Easter Monday (choose one)</i>
<i>May 25</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>
<i>July 3</i>	<i>Independence Day</i>
<i>September 7</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<i>November 26&amp;27</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
<i>December 24&amp;25</i>	<i>Christmas Eve and Day</i>

*(Trent T / Matt K 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 10-0 by voice vote)

In addition, participation in MLK Day events was discussed and will be reviewed for the future.

**Personnel Items:**

**Student Ministries / Tim R**

Tim R reported candidates are in the pipeline for the position of Junior High Director. A plan of action for filling the Senior High Director position will be finalized in March 2019.

**Eastern District Health Plan Option / Tim R**

Tim R reported on the EFCA Eastern District Health Plan proposal. Elder discussion and review led to a unanimous decision to retain the current health care plan being provided to church employees. Factors considered were best value to the church, best coverage for church employees, cost to church employees, stability of plans and complexity to administer.

**Other Items:**

On January 10, motions were offered by Dave Balinski, Erik Lindquist and Joel Gordon by way of email to accept the following for membership:

Tim and Lisa Dunlap – Interviewed by Dave Balinski  
Keribeth McCartney – Interviewed by Dave Balinski  
Jake Lucas – Interviewed by Erik Lindquist  
Brian and Anne Reidell – Interviewed by Joel Gordon

The motions were properly seconded and passed by electronic vote with votes documented January 10-11, 2019.

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On January 14, motions were offered by Nate Shuff, Matt Krise and Jeff Niner by way of email to accept the following for membership:

Doug Berguson – Interviewed by Nate Shuff

Wendell and Terri Witter – Interviewed by Matt Krise

Shawn and Gillian Robinson – Interviewed by Jeff Niner

The motions were properly seconded and passed by electronic vote with votes documented January 14-15, 2019.

**Closing Prayer:**

Joel Gordon

**Adjourned:**

10:18 P.M.

**Next Meeting:**

Shepherding Meeting (February 23, 2019)

Business Meeting (March 12, 2019)

Shepherding Meeting (March 23, 2019)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Gordon