

West Shore Evangelical Free Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2021
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

by Mark Blanchard, Chairman of the Elder Board, 6:13 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:

Lexi Brewster	Nathaniel Goodyear	Danielle Myers
Seth Brewster	Kelly Gordon	Christine Porr
Christina Ducheve	Justin Hartzel	Abby Schmuck
Mark Ducheve	Tyler Hartzel	Robert Schmuck
Lauren Faircloth	Andra Haverstock	Doris Shiery
Aaron Faro	Doug Haverstock	Lin Shiery
Christine Faro	Jacob Holderman	Geoffrey Shifflett
Brian Fields	Samuel Hsu	Melanie Shifflett
Christine Fields	Monica Ramirez Hsu	Bridgette Watkins
Matt Foster	Catherine Hulshizer	Bryce Watkins
Monica Foster	Amanda McIlhenny	Brian White
Travis Frey	Jeff McIlhenny	Sara White

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved for membership (Billiejo Monday / Steve Lockwood 2nd)*

Action: Approved by unanimous consent

Elder Nominating Committee / Mark Blanchard

Mark reminded church members that new timeframes and a more thorough vetting process require an Elder Nominating Committee to be in place one year prior to elder elections. The elder board will designate two elders to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.

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

Mitch Baum
Michelle Lockwood
Toni Turoff

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved as members of the Elder Nominating Committee (Ken Thompson / 2nd from the congregation)*

Action: Approved by ballot vote

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Elder Nominations / Mark Blanchard

Mark explained the elder nominating process, while highlighting the elder's role of shepherding the flock and stewarding resources.

The following individuals are recommended to serve on the Board of Elders for the designated term:

Brock Heller-	1 st	Three-year term expiring June 30, 2024
Matt Krise-	1 st	Three-year term expiring June 30, 2024
Nate Shuff-	2 nd	Three-year term expiring June 30, 2024

Motion: *That the above candidates be approved as Elders (Elder Board / 2nd from the congregation)*

Action: Approved by ballot vote

2020-2021 Budget Proposal / Tim Ryan

Tim praised the Lord for his faithfulness in the midst of COVID challenges. The generous giving of church attendees has enabled the staff to be creative and make use of a full budget. Budget surpluses have opened new opportunities to partner with the Mechanicsburg School District. Our church has been used by Mechanicsburg School District for childcare, and a Community Resource Center has been opened for tutoring of Mechanicsburg school students by church volunteers. In addition, surpluses allowed additional gifts to our ministry partners.

The Board of Elders recommends a 21-22 fiscal year budget which represents a 3.5% increase over last year's budget. The budget includes a 2% cost of living (COLA) adjustment for all personnel and a planned increase to the annual contribution amount to our Capital Replacement Reserve. Tim thanked Ned Davis and Nicole Gash for their diligent work in budget preparation and execution.

Motion: *That the 2021-2022 Budget be approved as recommended (Congregation / 2nd from the congregation)*

Action: Approved by ballot vote

Church Life Update / Trent Thompson

Trent advised that the "Sermon on the Mount" sermon series will be concluding in mid-summer. During remaining summer months, a sermon series on I and II Thessalonians will be presented, with an emphasis on discipleship.

As we come out of COVID, Trent encouraged us to direct our attention to others, not ourselves. Re-connecting with neighbors, co-workers, and family should be a priority. He challenged us to be very intentional in asking God to help us see someone in need, so that we can allow God to use us to serve them. Trent inspired us to realize that God has prepared good works for us to do.

Trent concluded by honoring Elder Board Chair, Mark Blanchard, as he completes his elder term. Trent shared he is thankful for all the years of serving with Mark, whom he described as a "leader of leaders," and a "steady hand at the wheel" whose

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theological insights and direction have blessed our Elder Board and congregation. The congregation responded with a standing ovation to honor Mark Blanchard.

Closing Remarks / Mark Blanchard

Mark concluded the meeting with remembrances of his time serving on the Elder Board, expressing gratitude and praise for the opportunity, and for all those who have supported him.

Adjourned: 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Gordon, Secretary