

West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2021  
6:00 PM

**Attending:**

Dave Baechtle, Mark Blanchard, Joel Gordon, Erik Lindquist, Tony Lucido, Dave Mills, John Nesbitt, Jeff Niner, Tim Ryan, Nate Shuff, Trent Thompson

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:**

by Mark Blanchard, 7:08 P.M.

**Prayer:**

Mark Blanchard

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the 05/11/21 Elder Board Meeting be approved as distributed (Dave B / Tim R 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 11-0 by voice vote

**Strategic Initiatives Update / Ryan Keith**

Ryan reported that Bethany Christian Services has revised their guidelines to allow placement of foster children with same-sex couples. Ryan presented recommendations to the Elder Board to withhold partnership funds from Bethany Christian Services, while continuing to participate with placement of children through the Safe Families program.

**Motion:** *The Elder Board recommends West Shore Free Church continue to work with the Safe Families program of Bethany Christian Services for child placement, but discontinue financial support of Bethany Christian Services. (Erik L / Tony L 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 11-0 by voice vote

**CRC/ Update Requested**

Ryan advised he is pursuing multiple pathways to continue the operation of the CRC with other organizations.

**Personnel Update / Director of Belong and Women's Ministry**

Ryan advised a candidate will be visiting the weekend of June 18-20 for interviews and interaction with ministry team and lay members involved in the Belong and Women's Ministries.

**Elder Board Update / Mark B**

Jeff Niner shared that he has chosen to resign from the WSFC Board of Elders. The Elder Board released him at his request, following a prayer time led by John Nesbitt.

**Team Reports / Team Chairs**

**Human Resources Advisory Team / Tony L**

No report this month.

**Facilities Team / Nate S**

No meeting was held this month. The team continues to work on a philosophy of facility use.

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**Finance Team / Dave M**

No report this month.

**Election of Board Officers 2021-22 / Mark B**

**Motion:** *That the board approve the following officers for 2021-22*  
*John Nesbitt, Chair*  
*Dave Baechtle, Vice-Chair*  
*Joel Gordon, Secretary*  
*Dave Mills, Treasurer*  
*(Tony L /Erik L 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

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

**Worship Services and Operations Update / Tim R**

Tim advised that Awesome Adventure will be providing nursery services only on July 4<sup>th</sup> due to a shortage of volunteers.

**Review/Finalize Congregational Meeting Agenda / Mark B**

The Elder Board discussed and affirmed the agenda for the June 13 Congregational Meeting.

**2022 Church Holidays / Tim R**

**Motion:** *That the following dates be designated as church office Holidays for 2022:*

<i>January 3</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>
<i>April 15 or 18</i>	<i>Good Friday, Easter Monday (choose one)</i>
<i>May 30</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Independence Day</i>
<i>September 5</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<i>November 24&amp;25</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
<i>December 23&amp;26</i>	<i>Christmas Eve &amp; Day (25<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday)</i>

*(Joel G / Mark B 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

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

**Missions Funding / MLT Proposal / Tim R**

**Motion:** *Authorize MLT to reallocate surplus funds to start new onboarding of mission partners*  
*(Erik L / Nate S 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

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

**Miscellaneous Updates**

2021-22 Elder Board Business and Shepherding Meeting dates were distributed.

**Elder Orientation Reminders / Mark B**

Mark reminded the Elder Board to:

- ...Prioritize meetings
- ...Engage in discussions
- ...Follow the Chain of Command
- ...Honor confidentiality

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**Tech Training / Tim R**

Tim advised that Ken Keck will be providing tech training to elders in the future.

**Other Item / Tim R**

**Motion:** *Approve John Nesbitt, Terry Nesbitt, and Tim Ryan as West Shore Free Church delegates to the EFCA ONE Virtual Conference on June 23rd (Mark B / Trent T 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

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

**Closing Prayer:**

Trent Thompson

**Adjourned:**

9:35 P.M.

**Other Item (June 22, 2021) / John N**

**Motion:** *That the Elder Board receives and approves with enthusiasm the recommendation from the search team that Pamela Hall be invited to fill the position of Belong and Women's Ministry Director (John N / Mark B 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved 10-0 by electronic vote on June 22, 2021

**Next Meetings:**

Business Meeting (July 13, 2021)

Shepherding Meeting (July 24, 2021)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Gordon