



**West Shore Evangelical Free Church  
Congregational Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**Opening:**

Worship in song led by Chris Parliament

**Opening Prayer:**

John Nesbitt

**Call to Order:**

by John Nesbitt, Chairman of the Elder Board, 6:04 P.M.

**Quorum:**

A quorum was affirmed by Joel Gordon

**New Members / John Nesbitt**

The following were presented and recommended to the Congregation by the Elder Board for membership. John Nesbitt invited all new members to introduce themselves and give a brief testimony as to their decision to become a member of West Shore. John shared briefly on the meaning of commitment to all new and current members:

Paul Banks

Tiffany Banks

Fred Clark

Nathan Durden

Amber Fisher

Steven Fisher

AnneMarie Hannon

John Hannon

Rebecca Leech

Ashley Levesque

Emily Murdock

Aarne Stefanon

Benjamin Saylor

Faith Saylor

**Motion:** *That the above candidates be approved for membership  
(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved by unanimous hand vote

**Elder Nominating Committee / John Nesbitt**

John reminded church members that new timeframes and more thorough vetting process require an Elder Nominating Committee to be in place one year prior to elder elections. The Elder Board has designated elders Matt Krise and Brock Heller to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.

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

Dave Baechtle



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April Forster  
Karolena Lehman

- Motion:** *That the above candidates be approved as members of the Elder Nominating Committee  
(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*
- Action:** Approved by ballot vote

**Elder Nominations / John Nesbitt**

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

Ned Davis-	1 <sup>st</sup> Three-year term expiring June 30, 2025
Tim Jones-	1 <sup>st</sup> Three-year term expiring June 30, 2025
Dave Balinski-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Three-year term expiring June 30, 2025

- Motion:** *That the above candidates be approved as Elders  
(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*
- Action:** Approved by ballot vote

**Acknowledgement of Elders Going Off the Board / John Nesbitt**

John thanked the following elders going off the Elder Board for their years of service: Dave Baechtle, Joel Gordon, and Tony Lucido

**New Elder Nominations (for 2023) / Matt Krise**

Matt informed the congregation that nominations for elders to be elected in 2023 may now be submitted.

**2022-2023 Budget Proposal / Tim Ryan**

Tim began by praising God for providing above and beyond expectations. He thanked the attendees of the church for faithful giving. While giving has lagged the budget, the spending prudence of church staff allows for the projection of a small surplus for FY 2021-22.

The Elder Board recommends a reduction in budgetary expectations for our tithe and offering income to \$4,906,152 for FY 2022-23. In addition, the Elder Board recommends the reallocation of a portion of our existing surplus resources to fund specific budget areas.



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The budget includes a 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all personnel, as well as a significant increase in health insurance and energy costs, along with a planned \$50,000 increase to the Capital Replacement Reserve (CRR).

**Motion:** *That the 2022-2023 Budget be approved as recommended  
(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*  
**Action:** Approved by ballot vote

**Church Life Update / Trent Thompson**

Trent emphasized that opportunities to minister are greater today, after the relational and physical disorientation many have been through in recent years. While some have left the church, others have come for the first time. God is steadying the ship.

Trent advised the church to set our eyes on the mission in front of us. Engage with those who need salvation and discipling. Look for the opportunities to share our faith wherever God sends us. Participate in the mission of God. As a church, we should keep caring for one another in a covenant of faithfulness and love. God has a purpose in the fractures which have occurred, and He will see it to completion.

Trent reminded us that the church is God's plan for redemption of the world, and we are to maintain relationships with all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Looking ahead, Trent shared the summer sermon series will focus on how to pray for our church using New Testament prayers for the church. He concluded by telling the church he is privileged to be our pastor.

**Closing Prayer:**

Trent Thompson

**Adjourned:** 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Gordon, Secretary