



**West Shore Evangelical Free Church**  
**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Opening:**

Worship in song led by George Romanacce

**Opening Prayer:**

George Romanacce

**Call to Order:**

by John Nesbitt, Chairman of the Elder Board, 6:09 P.M.

**Quorum:**

A quorum was affirmed by Nate Shuff

**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:

Alan Barnett  
Kristen Barnett  
Jeff Blatherwick  
Evelyn Blatherwick  
Steve Clark  
Beth Clark  
Andrew Dietrich  
Christina Dietrich  
Christopher Ebling  
Denise Ebling  
Luke Fetterman  
Ryan Foose

Cameron Harbold  
Samantha Harbold  
Tim Hughes  
Patti Hughes  
Joshua Jonas  
Ali Jonas  
Nick Jones  
Katie Jones  
Jeremy Kauffman  
Christy Kauffman  
David Knokey  
Clare Knokey

Mark Kresge  
Jodi Kresge  
Nancy Padjen  
Paul Rissler  
Elijah Schreiber  
Richard Settle  
Alicia Settle  
Daniel Sidell  
Jane Tabone  
Claudia Tolley  
Tom Wise  
Nace Wise

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

**Action:** Approved by unanimous voice vote



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**Elder Nominating Committee:**

Board approved candidates for the 2023/2024 Elder Nominating Committee were presented to the congregation.

Renee Blanchard  
Micah Davis  
Cheryl Lynn Lerew  
Scott Monday (Alternate)

**Motion:** *That the above candidates be approved for service on the Elder Nominating Committee.*  
*(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved by written ballot vote

**Elder Elections:**

The following board approved men were presented to the congregation for election to the board of elders to begin their respective terms of service immediately.

Dave Baechtle (1<sup>st</sup> Term)  
Wendell Witter (1<sup>st</sup> Term)  
Dave Mills (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
John Nesbitt (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)

**Motion:** *That the above candidates be approved for service on the Board of Elders.*  
*(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved by written ballot vote

**Acknowledgement of Elders rolling off the board:**

John Nesbitt acknowledged Erik Lindquist for his faithful and excellent service on the elder board.



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**New Elder Nominations:**

Brock Heller explained the elder nomination process to the congregation and encouraged everyone to begin prayerfully nominating eligible men throughout the next several months. Open nominations will close in October.

**2023 – 2024 Budget:**

Tim Ryan presented the board approved budget of \$5,341,996 for the coming year and answered questions from the congregation.

**Motion:** *That the 2023/2024 budget be approved as presented.  
(Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Action:** Approved by written ballot vote

**Updates:**

Tim Ryan provided an update on the Congregational Assessment that the church participated in this spring. The results of the assessment will be reviewed by the elder board and presented to the congregation upon Trent's return from sabbatical.

Steve Lockwood provided an update regarding interior furnishing and design upgrades and changes that will be happening throughout the next year.

**Closing Prayer:**

John Nesbitt

**Adjourned:** 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nate Shuff, Secretary