



West Shore Evangelical Free Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2025
6:00 PM

Opening:

Worship in song led by Mark Ducheve

Opening Prayer:

Mark Ducheve

Call to Order:

by Dave Baechtle, Chairman of the Elder Board, 6:06 P.M.

Quorum:

A quorum was affirmed by Wendell Witter

New Members

The following were presented and recommended to the Congregation by the Elder Board for membership. Dave Baechtle invited all new members to introduce themselves and give a brief testimony as to their decision to become a member of West Shore.

Esther Abbe	Joyce Godwin & Ken Reinert	Darrell & Kim Ober
Landa Carrington	Mikayla & Trevor Goodling	Emily Rittner
Geena Eby	Grace & Jim Hueber	Becky & Cory Shreiber
Kendall Geib	Kristie & Ron Kopp	Bryan Strickler
Daryl & Joyce Gelnett	Charles McClaskey	Cindy & Todd Syvertson
Kolton Gelnett	Beth & Brad Neuenschwander	Josie & Nick West
Nadine Gilliland & Andrew Shriner	Grant & Kayla Ober	Kate & Nathan Wool

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

Action: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Acknowledgement of Elders going off the Board

Dave Baechtle acknowledged Dave Balinski, Tim Jones, & Rob Pepper for their faithful and excellent service on the elder board.



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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.

Andrew Caudill (1st Term)

Ty Miller (1st Term)

Ned Davis (2nd Term)

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

Action: Approved by written ballot vote

Elder Nominating Committee:

Board-approved candidates for the 2025/2026 Elder Nominating Committee were presented to the congregation by Matt Krise.

Karen Ackley

Lori Clark

Emily Hansen

Tim Jones

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

Action: Approved by written ballot vote

New Elder Nominations:

Matt Krise 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 September.



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2025 – 2026 Budget:

Tim Ryan presented the board-approved budget of \$5,994,861 for the coming year and answered questions from the congregation.

Motion: *That the 2025/2026 budget be approved as presented.*
 (Member of Congregation / Member of Congregation 2nd)

Action: Approved by written ballot vote

Church Life Update:

Trent Thompson provided insights on where he sees God leading us as we continue to grow in both numbers and our outreach into the community. He also shared some encouraging news about future opportunities to pay down our church debt, which would enable us to make even more impact in our surrounding communities. Pastor Trent wrapped up his time with reflections on where he has felt the Holy Spirit leading him to shepherd those in our church who might be in a season of difficulty. He encouraged each of us to be in constant prayer for those brothers and sisters.

Closing Prayer:

Dave Baechtle

Adjourned: 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendell Witter, Secretary