

West Highland Fellowship Baptist Church

Synopsis of Meeting
BOARD OF ELDERS
February 17, 2022

Attendance:

Elders:	Ed Brink Rob Kapteyn Helio Nichele	Tom Budge John Maheu Phil Seagrove	Paul Gerics Kevin Miller Cal Voortman
Staff:	John Mahaffey	Jamie Strickland	Kris Ullman
Absent:			

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

The Chairman, Phil Seagrove, called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

Meeting Administration:

Motion 20220217-01: It was moved to “approve the agenda as distributed”. Moved by Kevin Miller, seconded by Rob Kapteyn. Carried.

Motion 20220217-02: It was moved to "approve the minutes of the previous meeting of January 20, 2022". Moved by Cal Voortman, seconded by Tom Budge. Carried.

There was one action item arising from the meeting of January 20, 2022: “To review the potential capital expenditures relative to other large initiatives/expenditures (e.g., paying down the mortgage, etc.) and develop a recommendation for the Elders consideration for discussion at the February Elders meeting.

Update: A preliminary meeting was held but this review was not completed.

Motion 20220217-03: It was moved to “charge the Elder Executive Committee to develop and present a proposal of prioritized large financial initiatives for 2022 at the March 17 Elders meeting.” Moved by Paul Gerics, seconded by Tom Budge. Carried.

Book Study:

Led by Cal Voortman. Tim Keller’s “How to Reach the West Again” (pages 45-50).

New Book and/or Study Option Discussion:

For the subsequent book study, it was agreed to read John Kaiser’s Winning on Purpose (as a pre-read) and then Pastor John would lead us through 2 sessions (April and May Elders Meeting) to review the theology and practice of the leadership and governance model we have at West Highland.

Prayer and Sharing Time

The Elders decided to move up the Prayer and Sharing Time earlier in the agenda to spend a more significant amount of time in prayer (for this and subsequent meetings going forward). As such, the Elders spent an extended time in prayer for the church.

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Lead Pastor's Report

Motion 20220217-04: It was moved to "accept the Lead Pastor's report as distributed". Moved by John Mahaffey, seconded by Tom Budge. Carried.

Highlights:

- a. Response to the Twenty-One Day Challenge – encouraging feedback from leaders and people in our congregation.
- b. Rationale for Dual Services Starting on March 6
- c. New Divisional Organization – update to be provided at March Elders Meeting
- d. Developing "Vision 2030" – work in progress. Initial draft to be completed by end of March followed by an MT "day away" to review/discuss this. Second draft to be presented to the Elders.
- e. Preaching Focus Update – schedule between now and Easter is set.
- f. TREC Winter and Spring Semesters – multiple courses to be offered.
- g. Other Items – Freedom Session update, evangelizing opportunity
- h. Thankfulness for the love shown to Pastor John and Andrea during their time of illness.

Executive Pastor's Report:

Motion 20220217-05: It was moved to "accept the Executive Pastor's report as distributed". Moved by Kris Ullman, seconded by John Maheu. Carried.

Highlights:

- a. COVID/Health Update Regarding Staff
- b. JOY Fellowship
- c. Website Redesign
- d. Capital Item Update
- e. Revised Signage Proposal

Discussion on Letter to Elders

Phil Seagrove led a discussion regarding improved communication and collaboration with WH members.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion 20220217-06: It was moved to "accept the treasurers report as provided verbally". Moved by Ed Brink, seconded by Rob Kapteyn. Carried.

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Board Administrative Items

Signing of Annual Declaration of Confidentiality & CRA Declaration of Not Being an Ineligible Individual

Update: This document was distributed electronically by Phil Seagrove.

Action Item: Elders Team members are requested to sign it and return it to Phil before our next meeting.

Prayer and Sharing Time

Rob Kapteyn closed our meeting in prayer.

Motion 20220217-07: It was moved to “adjourn the meeting”. Moved by Cal Voortman. Carried.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2022