

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
February 11, 2016

A meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the church.

Elders Present:	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
	Chris Taylor	Mark Blakley	Larry Harris
	Dallas Reeve	Dennis King	Aaron Kleinmeyer
		Don Vande Polder	

Elders Absent:	Mark Lancaster	Roy Stewart
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- A. **Prayer:** Pastor Ritchey opened the meeting with prayer.
- B. **Agenda Adoption – (changes to agenda should be made at this time):** No changes made.
- C. **Pastor’s Report:**
1. Pastor Ritchey welcomed Aaron Kleinmeyer to the Session. Elder Harris prayed for Aaron and the Session. Pastor Ritchey shared that installation would be in early March for the new leadership. All new leaders would go through Re-Shape. Pastor Michael asked if he could become a leader of Re-Shape so he could have the youth go through this process. All agreed.
 2. Pastor Ritchey stated he would be gone this coming week and that Michael would be preaching.
- D. **Discussion Agenda:**
1. Elder Taylor moved, seconded by Elder Reeve, per the Finance Cash Reserve’s policy to authorize payment of the note to a 30% level of 2015 expenditures. All yeas. Motion carried.
 2. Elder Blakley asked to prayerfully consider discussion at the next Session meeting for the financial planning of the property improvement needs along with the other ministry needs.
 3. Post cards of their “flock” will be made available to each elder to send a short note. This will help with the assignment transition for the new elders to Session.
 4. Elder Reeve moved, seconded by Elder Blakley, to enter into a Trustee meeting. All yeas. Motion carried. Moved into Trustee meeting at 7:25 pm. Returned to Session meeting at 7:40 pm.
 5. Metro Life Church’s rental agreement renewal is due on April 1, 2016. Pastor Ritchey will contact Pastor Will to determine their long-term plans. Pastor Ritchey prayed for Metro Life. The March Session meeting will have an action item to discuss their renewal.
- E. **Ministry Team Reports:**
1. The minutes of the January meeting were read. Minutes were adopted.
 2. Group/Committee Reports:
 - a. *Worship Team* – Stewardship is beginning to utilize the logo theme. Elder Harris asked that we begin to use the 4 “T’s” (Talent, Time; Treasure, Testimony) as part of their team discussions for consistency. May 1st (5th Sunday) will be the date for the testimony. Outreach Team will lead this.

- b. *Outreach Team* – Outreach will be meeting with the Missions Team to begin building a stronger relationship. The team continues to expand their focus on the 3 identified ministries along with further developing the “home grown” ministry work.
 - c. *Relationship Team* – Black, White & Blues was a great success. Lacey Morefield will begin developing a ministry group focused on the 20-30 year old age group. Another reminder that the undershepharding post cards were in the office and for each elder to pick their set of cards up from Emily.
 - d. *Discipleship Team* – The new semester of Adult Sunday school classes begin in March. The nursery is almost completely remodeled and the hall downstairs has all the new pictures now on display. Family Fun Night will be Saturday, February 27th. Pastor Morefield informed Session the Youth Group would be going to Estes Park, CO for their summer youth trip. He also will be hiring a summer intern.
 - e. *Coordinating Team* – Elder Reeve stated all leadership members will be provided keys for the church. The Boy Scouts have now concluded their relationship with GEPC. Diane Fry has asked to resign from her Facilities Evening Manager position and that a replacement is being identified. Coordinating Team will work with the Finance Team to find a way to show all unbudgeted expenses on the financial statements.
3. Clerk’s Report: No Clerk’s report was presented.

F. **Consent Report:**

1. Deacons Report - Deacons are reviewing some administrative changes and developing an Emergency Exit Strategy for the church. Elder Taylor will help with providing an initial plan to assist initial discussions.
2. Financial Report – The overall status of the finances remains in a solid position and was accepted.

- G. Elder Harris moved, seconded by Elder Reeve, to move into Executive Session. All yeas. Motion carried. Moved into Executive Session at 8:27 pm. Returned from Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Elder Vande Polder moved, seconded by Elder Harris to approve the members of the Audit Team. All yeas. Motion carried.

H. **Adjournment of Session Meeting:**

Elder Taylor moved, seconded by Elder Blakley, to adjourn the meeting. All yeas. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. Session members then met in individual small groups for under-shepharding ministry prayer time.

I. **Closing Prayer:**

Pastor Michael closed the meeting in prayer.

Dennis King
For Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator