

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
January 14, 2016

A meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the church.

Elders Present:

Class of 2015

Larry Harris
Matt Martinie
Roy Stewart

Class of 2016

Chris Taylor
Dallas Reeve

Class of 2017

Dennis King
Don Vande Polder

Session Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable.
Assistant Pastor of Family Life, Michael Morefield was also in attendance.

A. **Prayer:** Larry Harris opened with prayer.

B. **Adoption of Agenda (any changes to the Ministry Team Report Agenda or Discussion Agenda should be made at this time).**

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent after a proposed discussion by Dallas Reeve on the Boy Scouts Troop was added to the discussion agenda.

C. **Pastor's Report by Pastor Ritchey Cable**

1. Pastor Cable reported that he discussed over the phone beginning a mentoring relationship with Pastor Jay Fawlor.
2. Pastor Cable reported that GEPC ended 2015 strong and is excited about 2016. He appreciates our prayers for his leading of several recent funeral services.

D. **Discussion Agenda**

1. Extended budget discussion starting with Mark Lancaster's email, a reminder that Session approves the budget and reports to the congregation. The ministry differentials as reported by Phil Josephson was discussed, there was no objection to removing Healing & Wellness (line 7015) from the budget and finding another funding source, most likely the Memorial Fund since Outreach, Missions, and Mercy Funds fall outside of this.

Motion by Larry Harris, seconded by Dallas Reeve to use the Memorial Fund to purchase sound equipment, not to exceed \$10,000. All Yes. Motion passed.

Worship Team differential discussion to use \$1000 from Memorial Fund to pay half of line 6035 and use Sweep Account to pay for dream increases.

Motion by Dallas Reeve, seconded by Dennis King to setup designated fund entitled "2016 Dreams Designated Fund" and using the Sweep Account to fund \$14,550. All Yes. Motion Passed.

Motion by Dallas Reeve, seconded by Dennis King for \$1000 from Memorial Fund to be used for Worship Team decorations. All Yes. Motion Passed.

2. Ritchey Cable and Michael Morefield step out of Session for the Personnel discussion on expanses.

Motion by Roy Stewart, seconded by Dallas Reeve to approve the amended Personnel budget. All Yes. Motion Passed.

3. Chris Taylor initiated discussion regarding all church officers to have property keys. Recommendation will be sent to Coordinating Team to discuss change to policy and will report back to Session.

4. Chris Taylor recommended all Elders to take the re:shape course. Sent to Discipleship Team to discuss and report back to Session.

5. Roy Stewart update on Amos House. Sent to Outreach Team to discuss and report back to Session using the house beyond GEPC and neighborhood churches.

6. Roy Stewart recommended Session consider an emergency exit strategy. Sent to Coordinating Team to discuss in consultation with Chris Taylor and report back to Session.

7. Discussion of Prayer Teams process at the end of Sunday worship services. Prayer Team members should go to positions during Pastor Ritchey's final prayer. Sent to Worship Team to discuss and report back to Session.

8. Dallas Reeve reported on Boy Scouts troop. They have notified GEPC that they are moving to another church with facilities better able to meet their growing needs. They will remove their equipment by February 1. GEPC will keep the Eagle Scouts plaque.

Motion by Dallas Reeve, seconded by Chris Taylor to approve their request. All Yes. Motion Passed.

E. Ministry Team Reports

1. Session minutes of 12-10-15 were approved by unanimous voice vote as submitted and electronic copies forwarded to the Deacons and Church Office.

2. Ministry Team reports:

a. Worship Team: Larry Harris reported that the Stewardship Team is pleased that the number of commitments increased from last year as well as the dollar amount. It is planning a class on Christian financial stewardship.

b. Outreach Team: Roy Stewart reported that the Outreach Team is reviewing Rummage Sale options and the Easter Egg Hunt. It finalized three primary ministries: Rachael House, Hillcrest Ministries, and City Union Mission. The Outreach and Mission Teams will meet quarterly.

c. Relationships Team: Chris Taylor reported on the next outreach event: Black, White, and Blues on February 6th.

d. Discipleship Team: Matt Martinie reported on upcoming events: Family Fun Night on February 28th and Secret Shopper Scavenger Hunt on January 23rd for Middle and High School. The Children's hall redecorating is nearly complete. Vacation Bible School will be conducted by Kanakuk July 5th – 8th.

e. Coordinating Team: Dallas Reeve reported that he met with Girl Scouts representative Amber Washington and reviewed property usage. They are open to GEPC teaching their religion class. Dallas Reeve will send her contact information to the Discipleship Team.

3. Clerk's report: Dennis King agreed to serve as acting Clerk in February 2016.

F. Board and Consent Reports

1. Board of Deacons – minutes not yet received.
2. Financial Report – minutes not yet received.

Motion by Chris Taylor, seconded by Larry Harris to go into Executive Session. All Yes. Motion Passed.

Motion by Dallas Reeve, seconded by Roy Stewart to rise from Executive Session. All Yes. Motion Passed.

G. Adjournment of Meeting

Adjournment was made at 9:45 P.M.

Matt Martinie
Acting Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Session Moderator