

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
September 8, 2016

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

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

Session Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable
Staff present – Michael Morefield

- A. Prayer:** Pastor Cable opened the meeting with prayer.
- B. Agenda Adoption – (changes to agenda should be made at this time):** The agenda was amended by moving the Pastor’s report to after the Consent report items. The amended agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- C. Discussion Agenda:**
1. The Coordinating Team presented a synopsis of the 2015 Audit Team report and distributed a spread sheet listing the ministry team responsible for responding to each of the audit report recommendations. The Audit Team (Roger Weitlich, Jenny Phelan, Amy Clapham and Mike Brink) was welcomed by the Session as they presented an executive summary of their audit findings. The primary concern documented in the audit is improvement of accounting controls and account journal entries.
 2. Larry Harris led a discussion from the book “Pastors Are People Too” by asking each of the elders to list the five top job responsibilities for the pastor. The exercise was used as a caution to guard against unrealistic and excessive demands being put upon our pastors, including those they may place upon themselves.
 3. Per member asking contributions to the EPC denomination and our presbytery by the congregation totaled nearly \$1300. Pastor Cable was encouraged by the support to the ministries of these two governing bodies shown by the congregational giving.
- D. Ministry Team Reports:**
1. Session Meeting minutes of August 11, 2016 were approved by as submitted.
 2. Ministry Team Reports:
 - a. *Worship Team* – Peter Marshall, Stewardship Team, will be presenting the “Treasures” devotional on October 2 with study guide available after both services.
 - b. *Outreach Team* –the team plans to reach out to members who have left the church over the past few years to invite them back if do not now have a church home.
 - c. *Relationship Team* – A fall festival is being planned for mid-October.
 - d. *Discipleship Team* – Michael Morefield outlined the new confirmation process that was shared with parents. The process places an emphasis on each youth’s individual spiritual maturity and readiness for church membership instead of grouping all

Youth together in a class process. This will involve more participation from the parents and the under-shepherds.

- e. *Coordinating Team* – The hiring process for vacant staff positions is on-going.
 - A review of the member roll is underway. A form will be developed for each Elder to use in documenting the member status of each person in each of their under-shepherding family groups to be accomplished by December 31.

3. Clerk's Report:

- a. Combined Deacon/Session on September 13th at 6:00 PM.
- b. Next Session meeting date – October 13th at 6:30 PM.

E. Consent Report:

- 1. Deacons Report – August report was received and accepted.
- 2. Financial Report – The August financial report had not yet been processed at the time of this meeting.

F. Pastor's Report

- 1. The next Presbytery meeting in October will be attended by Ritchey, Michael, Aaron and Chris.
- 2. There will be a baptism on 9/18/16 for the Shaw family.

G. Adjournment of Session Meeting:

Elder Lancaster closed the meeting with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator