

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
December 8, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 5:30 PM on December 8, 2016.

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. Assistant Pastor Michael Morefield was on vacation.

A. PRAYER: Larry Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

B. AGENDA ADOPTION – (changes to agenda should be made at this time): The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

C. PASTOR’S REPORT:

1. Pastor Cable reported that two Deacons and three Elders are rotating out of their offices at the end of 2016. Larry Harris, who had been elected to a one year term, officially submitted a letter of dissolution (attached) for his one year term.
2. Pastor Cable discussed options for designation of this year’s Christmas Eve offering and tasked the Outreach Team with making that determination.

D. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Nominating Team Update - Aaron Kleinmeyer gave an update on the work of this team. The Session reviewed the qualifications of those nominated for deacon and elder, finding no cause for disqualification of any candidates nominated.
2. The Outreach Team is continuing their work to formulate a plan to contact former church members to ascertain their current church status and invite those interested to return.
3. The form being developed by Michael Morefield for use by Elders to determine the membership category and status of each family in their under-shepherding groups will be ready next week
4. Each ministry team is to finalize their budget requests for 2017 and submit those requests to the Coordinating Team the week of December 12th. The Coordinating Team will forward the requests to the Finance Team.
5. All ministry teams were encouraged to utilize the Gashland MD (making disciples) guide to answer the question how their team supports and advances making disciples within the ministry of Gashland. This should be accomplished by the end of January.
6. 2015 Audit Team Report Response – Dennis King encouraged each Ministry Team to complete their audit response and forward those to him so he can submit a final summary response document to the Audit Team.
7. Chris Taylor led a discussion of process mapping and this this management tool could be used to help all of the ministry teams and programs function more effectively and efficiently.

8. Dallas Reeve led a discussion of a chapter from the book "Pastors Are People Too". The emphasis of the teaching was the importance of the pastor having friends and cautions for those wanting to be the pastor's friend to check their motives. Trust is vitally important to such relationships. Dennis King will lead the next chapter discussion.

E. MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

1. The Clerk read the Minutes of the November 2016 Session Minutes. The Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. Ministry Team Reports -
 - a. Worship Team – Larry Harris reported that some decoration and lighting updates will be made to the chapel to improve its functionality.
 - b. Outreach Team – The City Union Mission graduation was well attended and a very profitable undertaking for the church.
 - c. Relationship Team – A Men's Ministry event is planned for 12/17/16 and a church-wide Christmas caroling event is planned for 12/18/16.
 - d. Discipleship Team – Consideration is being given to having 4 interns in 2017 to assist with youth ministry – a male and female for both middle school and high school youth.
 - e. Coordinating Team – Phil Pace will be stepping down from his role in community outreach ministry and function solely as 2nd service Worship Director. This will be announced to the congregation next week.
3. Clerk's Report -
 - a. The next Session meeting will be held on January 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Dennis king will serve as clerk during the clerk's absence in January, February and March.
 - b. The EPC has requested churches to consider making a contribution to the EPC Benevolence fund as a part of their Christmas offering this year.

F. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – November 2016 Report received.
2. Financial Report – November 2016 report received.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Chris Taylor made a motion, second by Dallas Reeve, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Mark Blakley closed the meeting with prayer at 7:35 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator