

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
November 10, 2016

A Joint meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the church. During the combined portion of the meeting, Chris Taylor provided an update on Re-Shape and encouraged all elders and deacons to complete the spiritual gifts assessment if they not already done so. Roy Stewart provided an update on the plans for GEPC to host the City Union Mission Family Life graduation on November 15th. Mark Lancaster then led the elders and deacons through an exercise applying the Gashland Making Disciples (MD) ministry care opportunities to the various ministry teams. This should help each team to envision how they can support and implement the various ministry care models Pastor Cable has been leading the congregation thru the past several weeks. The combined portion .of the meeting concluded at 7:05 PM, with the Elders taking up their regular meeting at 7:15 PM

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| 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 (Excused) | Roy Stewart |

Session Moderator: Michael Morefield; Pastor Cable was on vacation.

- A. PRAYER:** Pastor Morefield 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 Morefield offered prayer for Pastor Cable and his time away on vacation.
 2. Pastor Morefield reported on some of the ministries he is responsible for and currently developing. He is working to create a sub-team for family ministry and developing a discipleship model to be implemented in 2017.
- D. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**
1. Aaron Kleinmeyer led a continuation of a discussion started last month about how to support our pastors in managing their time and implementation of ministry. Discussion centered around setting priorities for use of the pastor’s time, freeing them from some monthly meeting responsibilities and empowering teams to take more responsibility for ministry implementation. Dallas Reeve will check with Pastor Serve for additional ideas and helps for prioritizing and protecting the pastor’s time and schedule.
 2. 2015 Audit Team Report – Each ministry team is to meet and discuss the findings of the 2015 Audit team Report and report back to Dennis King by December 1st as to what action will be taken on Audit **Team** recommendations impacting their respective ministry areas.
 3. Mark Blakley will host the next Session fellowship gathering at his home on a date TBD in early December.
 4. The Session discussed the congregation meeting that was held on November 6th and their desire to more effectively communicate to the congregation the formation, selection and election process for Nominating Team members and the nomination and selection process for deacons and elders
****Motion - Dallas Reeve, second by Mark Blakley, moved to have Session develop policy and procedure to address the selection, election and function of Nominating Team members. All Yes – Motion passed. Chris Taylor was assigned the task of developing the draft policy and procedures.***

5. Session discussed the annual meeting which is required to be held at some during the first six weeks of each new year. ****Motion – Mark Lancaster moved, second by Mark Blakley, that the annual meeting of the congregation of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church be held on Sunday, January 29th, 2017 immediately following the second service. All Yes – motion passed!***

E. MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

1. The Clerk read the Minutes of the October 2016 Session Minutes. The Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote. The Clerk submitted the Minutes of the November 6, 2016 congregational meeting. Those Minutes were accepted into the record by the Session and will be attached to the minutes of the November Session meeting
2. Ministry Team Reports -
 - a. Worship Team – Meeting minutes from 10-25-16 were received. Larry Harris reported that all church pianos will be tuned by the end of the year.
 - b. Outreach Team – Meeting minutes from 11-8-16 were received. City Union Mission will hold their client graduation ceremony in our ministry center on November 15th. Over 500 kids participated in Trunk or Treat in October. The Amos house will be in use again until mid-January. The Team is planning on having the
 - c. Relationship Team – Meeting minutes for 11-7-16 were received.
 - d. Discipleship Team – Meeting minutes for 11-8-16r were received. The Team is still looking for someone to lead the Adult Education Team to replace Beth Armstrong when she steps down as chairperson at the end of this year.
 - e. Coordinating Team – Meeting minutes for 10-18-16 were received. The Communication Specialist position remains vacant. The process for hiring someone is on-going. Steve Moberg is joining the Team as a volunteer. His background in personnel administration will be valuable asset to the Team.
3. Clerk's Report -
 - a. The next Session meeting will be held on December 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM.
 - b. Correspondence was received on 10-18-16 from South Dayton Presbyterian Church, Centerville, OH accepting George and Sheryl Sucich into membership of that church. ****Motion – Larry Harris moved, second by Mark Blakley, to officially accept the transfer of membership of George and Sheryl Sucich from Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church to South Dayton Presbyterian Church, removing them from our roll of active membership. All Yes – Motion passed.***

F. CONSENT REPORTS:

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

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Chris Taylor made a motion, second by Mark Blakley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Chris closed the meeting with prayer at 8:50 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Assistant Pastor Michael Morefield
Moderator