

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
October 13, 2016

A meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 10, 2016 at the church.

Elders:	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
	Mark Lancaster (Excused)	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 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. Aaron Kleinmeyer led a discussion from the book “Pastors Are People Too”. The take away from the chapter review on capacity is recognition that the pastor’s primary mission field and ministry group is his family. The Session was encouraged to guard the pastor’s time so he can adequately minister to his family first. Aaron will lead the discussion again next month.
2. Pastor Cable previewed the new administrative process for LINK announcements and bulletin items. The system is much more efficient and will save time for office administrative personnel.
3. Pastor Cable asked the Session to approve the reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$133.17 for Tom Ricks (an EPC pastor) that was in town to examine a GEPC member who is a pastoral candidate. Unanimous voice approval was given.
4. Pastor Cable presented the final draft of a letter to be sent in response to two church members who inquired about the Session position on women in leadership roles at GEPC and the church officer nominating process. The final draft of the letter was approved and will be given to the members by Pastor Cable personally. The letter will also be made available for the congregation to review so they may know the Session position on this issue.

D. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. 2015 Audit Team Report – Each ministry team is to meet and discuss the findings of the 2015 Audit team Report and report back to Session in November what action will be taken on Audit Team recommendations impacting their respective ministry areas.
2. November 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM is the next combined Deacon/Session meeting. Session is hosting the meeting.
3. Session representatives on the Nominating Team are Roy Stewart and Aaron Kleinmeyer. A congregational meeting will be held on November 6, 2016 immediately following 2nd service for the purpose of electing additional members to the Nominating Team and nominating candidates for the position of Deacon and Elder.
4. Michael Morefield will host the next Session fellowship gathering at his home on a date in early November.
5. The administrative form for Elders to use for surveying their under-shepherding families has been completed and will be distributed by Michael. The survey forms are due back on November 27th.

E. MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

1. Worship Team – Meeting minutes from September were received.
2. Outreach Team – Meeting minutes from September received. Hillcrest Ministries will have a graduation ceremony for our sponsored resident on October 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. City Union Mission will hold their client graduation ceremony in our ministry center on November 15th. Discussion was held on how to equip church members for outreach ministry.
3. Relationship Team – Meeting minutes for September received. The fall festival was well attended. Discussion was held on the process for referring people to various ministry teams for service after they complete the Re-Shape process.
4. Discipleship Team – Meeting minutes for September were received. The high school retreat went well. All of the students have gone thru the Re-Shape class and Michael has been teaching them how to study their Bibles. Michael reported that Beth Armstrong will step down as Adult Sunday School Coordinator at the end of the year.
5. Coordinating Team – Meeting minutes for September were received. The parking lot will be resurfaced on October 31-November 1 and will be closed those two days. The CT will seek permission for parking privileges from the commercial shopping center across the street. A new first service ministry director, Chuck Leedle, has been hired and will begin serving on November 2nd. The CT is giving consideration to changing Marilyn Jennings vacant position into a fulltime position with expanded job responsibilities

Motion – The Coordinating Team shall be authorized to develop, advertise and fill a fulltime Ministry Communications Director position at a top salary range not to exceed \$20,000 above the current salary for the vacant, part-time position. Moved by Aaron Kleinmeyer, second by Larry Harris. ***All yes. Motion passed.***

6. Clerk's Report -
 - a. The Session Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2016 were read and approved.
 - b. Combined Deacon/Session will be held on November 10th at 6:00 PM.
 - c. Next Session meeting date – November 10th at immediately following the combined meeting with the Deacons.

F. CONSENT REPORTS:

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

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Chris Taylor made a motion, second by Aaron Kleinmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Aaron closed the meeting with prayer at 8:40 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator