

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
July 13, 2017

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held at 6:30 PM on July 13, 2017 at the church.

Elders:	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
	Mark Blakley	Aaron Kleinmeyer (Excused)	Mike Brink
	Dennis King (Excused)	Chris Taylor	Mark Lancaster
	Don Vande Polder (Excused)	Roy Stewart	David Smith

Session Moderator: Pastor Cable moderated the meeting. Pastor Morefield was away on vacation.

PRAYER: Elder Smith opened the meeting with prayer after the Clerk of Session confirmed a quorum of the Session membership was present.

A. AGENDA ADOPTION: The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

B. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Pastor Cable expressed appreciation to the Session for allowing him to take extra time off this summer for vacation with his family.
2. Pastor Cable reported on his experience at the EPC General Assembly meeting in June.

In particular he shared about his experience in one of the workshop which addressed ministry to and with the millennial generation. Pastor Cable senses a unique opportunity in our church to take minister to and with this generation as we have an increasing number of young adults attending our church now. Pastor Cable will set up a meeting with some of these members to gain their input on how GEPC can better minister to and with them.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. Old Business/follow-up items
 - a. Discussion of the rotation and tenure of Trustees per the Book of Order was **tabled**.
2. New Business
 - a. Pastors Are People Too chapter book report. **Tabled due to absence of three elders.**
 - b. Ministry Planning and Budget Workshop – Elder Taylor discussed the planned workshop on August 12, 2017 from 8:30 AM to noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Elders and Deacons, along with representatives from each of their ministry teams will meet to discuss the 2018 Budget process and priorities. He also discussed the nomination process for up-coming officer elections.
 - c. Review of Membership Roll - Each Elder was provided with a copy of the updated membership roll showing which members had not registered their attendance or made financial contribution in the past year. The Elders were encouraged to make contact with those members to determine their status and encourage active participation in the life of the church. **The list of members to be moved to the inactive list will be finalized at the Session meeting August.**
 - d. Assignment of new members to under-shepherding groups – the following members were officially accepted into membership of the Church by recognition at both services on **June 25, 2017** and were assigned to an under-shepherd group as noted below:

Member	Under-Shepherd	Received
Mindy Settles	David Smith	Reaffirmation of faith
Tom & Ruth Ann Crossett (Children – Jessica, Lori, Lindsay & James)	Mark Blakley	Transfer
Chuck Foremen	David Smith	Reaffirmation of faith
Frank & Debbie Mance (Children – Amy & Jennifer)	Roy Stewart	Transfer
Carole Bryan	Mike Brink	Transfer
Brooke Pernice	Mark Lancaster	Reaffirmation of faith

e. Session approved calling a congregational meeting for **August 27, 2017 immediately**

following the 2nd service for the purpose of approving terms of call for Michael Morefield as Associate Pastor of Discipleship.

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Worship Team - Elder Brink reported that the organ in the sanctuary will be moved from the floor to the back of the choir loft to improve the sight-line for the first several rows of pews on the east side and allow access to the handrail on the steps up to the choir loft.

b. Outreach Team – Did not meet since last Session meeting.

c. Relationship Team – Pastor Morefield is transitioning into his new role as Associate Pastor of Discipleship, new team members are being recruited to help with the various ministries under the relationship Team. They are especially in need of male counselors to assist with assessments in the Reshape ministry.

d. Discipleship Team – The Team approved a new ministry initiative mentoring program named WISE - Word, Instruction, Solace, and Encouragement. They are also considering some other discipleship materials.

e. Coordinating Team – The Team is in the process of establishing an IT team to help update official church documents, refresh the web page and update the church directory. The Session received an official communication from a member via email on July 13, 2017 expressing concern about outdated information about Sunday School classes on the website, missing Session and Deacon minutes on the website and in the office hard copy files and the outdated directory. **Elder Blakley was tasked with responding to the member to inform them of the Session actions to address these issues. One solution to be pursued is the expansion of interim office worker responsibilities to address some of the IT issues.**

4. Clerk's Report -

a. The minutes of the June 2017 Session meeting were read and approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. A Transfer of Membership letter was sent to Kevin and Anna Quinn on July 3, 2017 noting the Session action to approve their membership transfer to Covenant Chapel in Leawood, KS.

c. Request for transfer of membership letters were sent to Desperation Church (Crossett family), Grace Fellowship (Mance family) and Harvest Bible Chapel (Carole Bryan) on July 13, 2017.

d. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Church.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – June 2017 report received.
2. Financial Report – June 2017 report received.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Elder Blakley made a motion, second by Elder Taylor, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by voice vote. Pastor Cable closed the meeting with prayer at 8:52 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator