

**Session Minutes**  
**Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**June 8, 2017**

A meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 7:25 PM on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the church.

<b><u>Elders:</u></b>	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
	Mark Blakley	Aaron Kleinmeyer(excused)	Mike Brink
	Dennis King	Chris Taylor	Mark Lancaster
	Don Vande Polder	Roy Stewart	David Smith

**Session Moderator:** Pastor of Family Life, Michael Morefield, moderated the meeting. Pastor Cable was away on vacation.

PRAYER: Pastor Morefield 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 Morefield reported that the church office remodeling was complete with mold remediation and new painting.
  2. Pastor Morefield requested that the credit card spending limit for the Director of student Ministries be increased as the credit card is frequently at the maximum expenditure threshold. The Coordinating Team was tasked with looking into the credit card limits and making adjustments as needed.
- 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. Each Elder was provided with a copy of the updated membership roll showing which members had not registered their attendance or 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.
  3. Ministry Team Reports
    - a. Worship Team - Elder Brink provided an update on the Team looking at a possible remodeling of the stage area in the sanctuary, a possible revision of the wedding policy and providing a means for shut-in members to accessing weekly sermons.
    - b. Outreach Team – The Team is sponsoring a meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to discuss ideas for outreach ministry in the surrounding neighborhood and will hold 4 Wednesday night prayer meetings in the Chapel to pray for the church outreach efforts in the surrounding neighborhood.

c. Relationship Team - The Team reported that approximately 300 people were in attendance at the church picnic on the first Sunday in June.

d. Discipleship Team – Caleb Mason will begin ministry as the Director of Youth Ministry on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Team expressed concern about a number of books that have been put on display in church common areas for people to read. The Team will follow up on this issue to determine where the books are coming from and to establish a process for vetting books before they are offered for general use, including a review and purge of material available in the church library.

e. Coordinating Team – The Team stressed the importance of communication with other teams during various ministry events to ensure that everyone knows who is responsible for various aspects of the ministries.

4. Clerk's Report -

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

b. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Church.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – Report received.

2. Financial Report – May 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 Morefield closed the meeting with prayer at 8:10 PM.

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Paul Weatherford  
Clerk of Session

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Associate Pastor Michael Morefield  
Moderator