

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
March 9, 2017

A meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the church.

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

Session Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable

- A. **Prayer:** Pastor Ritchey opened the meeting with prayer.
- B. **Agenda Adoption – (amendments to agenda were made at this time):** The agenda was adopted with amendments by unanimous consent.
- C. **Pastors' Report:**
1. Elder Dave Smith led discussion on the book "Pastors are People Too". Chapter was on the Pastor's kids (PK's). Chapter stated many PK's are leaving the church. PK's feel they have hundreds of others to compete against for their Pastor father's attention and never measure up. Three (3) essentials to assist in nurturing PK's: a) treat them as individuals; b) value what is on their insides not just the outside; c) non-judgmental attitudes. Summary is to never give up on PK's and to love and encourage them. Elder Mark Lancaster will present next chapter.
 2. Pastor Ritchey discussed team assignments. Elders will lead and participate on the following teams:
 - a. Worship – Mike Brink & Pastor Ritchey
 - b. Outreach – Aaron Kleinmeyer; Mark Lancaster; Roy Stewart; Pastor Michael
 - c. Relationship – Mark Blakley; Pastor Michael
 - d. Discipleship – Mark Lancaster; Dave Smith; Pastor Michael
 - e. Coordinating – Dennis King; Don VandePolder; Pastor Ritchey
 - f. Chris Taylor will work with all teams in assisting in process development
 3. Pastor Ritchey shared the 2017 General Assembly will be in Sacramento, California from June 20-23, 2017. Currently only Pastor Ritchey will be attending on behalf of GEPC as Pastor Michael has a commitment with the church youth at that time. Elders will have until April 1 to determine if any may be able to join Pastor Ritchey.
 4. Presbytery meeting will be in Columbia on April 25th. Discussion in April's meeting to confirm who will attend.
 5. Baptism of the Williams children will be on Sunday, March 12th.
 6. The next "Getting to know Gashland" class begins in April. Good sign up numbers to date.
 7. Pastor Michael shared that the updated membership role list will be emailed to the elders to be finalized at the April meeting.
- D. **Discussion Agenda:**
1. Update of Student Ministry position. Initial round of candidates have been interviewed. Top 3 are being forwarded to Search team to interview.

2. ReShape placement process. Elder Taylor is developing processes to identify opportunities with each ministry team and partner individuals who go through ReShape to have them placed appropriately based on their identified gifts.
3. Elder Kleinmeyer led discussion on current prayer opportunities for congregation following each service. Is it effective or should we consider some modification? Worship Team will discuss and report back to Session.
4. Currently Trustees have 2 three-year terms under our by-laws. Session needs to formalize our process of these terms under the EPC Book of Order. Session will discuss and finalize the terms by the end of June.
5. “Getting to Know Gashland” class times will be 10 – 10:45 each Sunday beginning in April. For Sunday school classes, teachers and Matt will be asked if 45-minute lesson plans can work to help with length of service times. Will evaluate for another month and report.
6. Elder Kleinmeyer to host April Elder gathering.

E. Ministry Team Reports:

1. Session Meeting minutes of February 9, 2017 were approved by unanimous voice as submitted.
2. Ministry Team Reports:
 - a. *Worship Team* – No report.
 - b. *Outreach Team* – Elder Kleinmeyer shared Outreach met with Missions Team. March minutes have details of the meeting.
 - c. *Relationship Team* – Elder Blakley stated all Elders will have gone through ReShape by the end of April.
 - d. *Discipleship Team* – Pastor Michael shared preparations were beginning for Holy Week and Kanakuk.
 - e. *Coordinating Team* – Elder Vande Polder shared that the church audit would now occur every 2 years.
3. Clerk’s Report: No Clerk’s report was presented.

F. Consent Report:

1. Deacons Report – Elder Blakley moved, seconded by Elder Vande Polder, to receive the January 10 & February 14, 2017 Deacons reports. All yeas. Motion carried.
2. Financial Report – No Financial report was received.

G. Adjournment of Session Meeting:

Elder Taylor moved, seconded by Elder Blakley, to adjourn the meeting. All yeas. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

H. Closing Prayer:

Pastor Ritchey led the group in closing prayer.

Dennis King
For Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator