

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
April 13, 2017

A meeting of the Session of Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held at 7:45 PM on Thursday, April 13 2017 at the church.

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

Session Moderator: Pastor Cable. Pastor of Family Life, Michael Morefield, was also present.

- A. PRAYER: Pastor Cable opened the meeting with prayer.
- B. AGENDA ADOPTION: The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- C. PASTOR'S REPORT:
 - 1. Pastor Cable will be attending the EPC General assembly meeting in Sacramento, CA June 20-23.
 - 2. Pastor Cable reported on the progress of the search team looking to hire a new director of Student Ministries. A candidate has been identified. The Session discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the candidate as reported by the search team representative, Elder King, and many of their own observations from an on-site visit with the candidate and his wife on April 9th. After much discussion and prayer, a motion was offered by Elder King on behalf of the search team

****Motion – The position of Director of Student Ministries will be offered to Caleb Mason within the salary range previously approved in the current budget, plus an additional \$2500 for moving expenses. All – Yes. Motion passed.***

- D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:
 - 1. Old Business/follow-up items
 - a. Pastors Cable and Morefield will be attending the Presbytery meeting in Columbia, MO on April 25th.
 - b. Pastor Morefield presented an updated roll of the Church membership. Each elder reviewed the roll and made necessary edits. The following new members were formally accepted into membership on January 22nd, 2017 and assigned to an under-shepherd.

Judy Staat (Elder Mike Brink)
Matt and Mindy Clutter (Elder Mark Blakley)
Glenna Love (Elder David Smith)
 - c. Discussion of the rotation and tenure of Trustees per the Book of Order was tabled.

d. Service times and feedback from Sunday school teachers regarding transition time between services and classes is still being discussed and no recommendations are ready for presentation.

2. New Business

a. Elder Chris Taylor reported that he will be contacting additional ministry team leaders in the coming weeks to continue the ministry mapping process for all teams.

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Worship Team - No report, did not meet.

b. Outreach Team – The Team is looking for a new ministry coordinator to be the liaison from our church with Hillcrest Ministries.

c. Relationship Team - All of the Elders from the classes of 2017 and 2018 have completed the spiritual gifts assessment and the new elders for the class of 2019 are scheduled to complete the process.

d. Discipleship Team – No report.

e. Coordinating Team – The Deacon’s Mercy Fund will start reporting monthly contributions and expenditures on the financial report to provide more transparency and accountability for these funds. The reporting will be general categorization and not specific to any individual.

4. Clerk’s Report -

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

b. Session meeting minutes for the period of January 2015 thru February 2017 were sent to the Presbytery for audit.

c. The EPC Annual Church Report 2016 was completed on April 5th and submitted to the EPC offices. A copy of the report will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

d. the next Session meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.

F. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – Report not yet received at the time of the Session meeting.

2. Financial Report – March 22, 2017 report received.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Elder Taylor made a motion, second by Elder Kleinmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by voice vote. Pastor Morefield closed the meeting with prayer at 9:25 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator