

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
August 10, 2017

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held at 6:30 PM on August 10, 2017 at the church.

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

Session Moderator: Pastor Cable moderated the meeting. Pastor Morefield was also in attendance.

PRAYER: Elder Kleinmeyer 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 led the Session in a time of prayer for Jared Adams, son of staff member Rachael Adams, who underwent surgery last week.
2. Pastor Cable reported that he had been doing some advance preparation for the Session workshop on Saturday. He also has been working with Caleb on his transition into his new position as Director of Student Ministries.
3. Pastor Cable reported that several church members have requested the publication of hard copy updated Church directory. He has assigned the Relationship Team with the responsibility to work on getting this directory updated this fall.
4. The WISE mentor program will begin in September.
5. Pastor Morefield will be responsible for the Conversations program on Wednesday evenings this fall.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. **Old Business/follow-up items**
 - a. **Discussion of the rotation and tenure of Trustees** - the Session discussed the history of GEPC adopting two, 3-year terms for Elders and establishing the Church bylaw provision to have trustee terms coincide with the Elder term, as well as have Elders serve as Trustees. There is no plan to change this model.
 - b. **Ministry Planning and budget workshop** - Elder Taylor reminded the Session of the planned workshop starting at 8:30 AM on Saturday, August 12th.
2. **New Business**
 - a. **Pastors Are People Too chapter book report.** Elder Stewart led the discussion and emphasized the need for us to support our pastors, provide for their needs (physical and spiritual) and consider them to be fellow Christ followers, not just ministry leaders.
 - b. **Church Membership Roll Update** - 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 December Session meeting.**
 - c. **Attracting Millennials** - Elder Lancaster reported on his attendance at a local church that has a large number of millennials in attendance. He noted some observations that laid a foundation for further discussion by the Session at the upcoming Ministry workshop.
 - d. **Church Officer Nominating Process** - Elder Kleinmeyer led the discussion regarding the nomination process for church officer positions. Included in this discussion was

clarification and desire by the
the Nominating Team.

Session to formalize the selection process for members of

***Motion** - The Nominating Team shall consist of four congregational members approved by a vote of the congregation, elected to one 2-year term with the provision for said elected member to serve additional terms provided there is a one year gap between additional terms. The four 2-year congregational member Nominating Team representative terms will be staggered, with two positions open for replacement each year under normal term rotation. In addition, one Nominating Team position will be filled by an active Deacon (appointed by the Board of Deacons) and two Nominating Team positions will be filled by active Elders (excluding the Pastor), appointed by the Session with one Elder designated by the Session as chairperson. The Deacon and Elder position appointments will be for one, 2-year period with a one year gap in service prior to any additional term. Moved by Roy Stewart, seconded by Dennis King. ALL -Yes! **Motion Passed.**

3. **Ministry Team Reports**

a. **Worship Team** - Elder Brink reported that the organ in the sanctuary has been moved off the floor thus allowing access to the handrail on the steps up to the choir loft. Additional improvements to the sanctuary are being considered, including lighting, sound, decorations and floor treatments.

b. **Outreach Team** - The Amos house will be occupied by a missionary couple on retreat this fall.

c. **Relationship Team** - The Team meeting for August takes place next week.

d. **Discipleship Team** - Sign-up period for the WISE (Word, Instruction, Solace, and Encouragement) mentoring ministry begins August 20th.

e. **Coordinating Team** - The Team is in the process of establishing an IT team to help update official church documents and refresh the web page.

4. **Clerk's Report** -

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

b. Acknowledgement of request for transfer of membership letters were received from Desperation Church (Crossett family) and Grace Fellowship (Mance family).

c. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Church. There will also be a joint meeting with the Deacons on September 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the church.

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voice vote.

d. Request for transfer of membership to Faith CRC in Sioux Center, IA was received from and Kristina Harmelink. The Session approved the transfer by unanimous

D. **CONSENT REPORTS:**

1. **Board of Deacons** - July 2017 report received.

2. **Financial Report** - July 2017 report received.

E. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Elder Vande Polder made a motion, second by Elder Kleinmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by voice vote. Elder Kleinmeyer closed the meeting with prayer at 9:12 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator