

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
November 9, 2017

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held at 7:35 PM on November 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
	Dennis King	Chris Taylor	Mark Lancaster
	Don Vande Polder	Roy Stewart (Excused)	David Smith

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

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 Cable reminded Session that the church Thanksgiving dinner was coming up on November 15th.
2. Pastor Cable discussed the installation service for Pastor Morefield as Assistant Pastor of Discipleship which will also take place during the church Thanksgiving dinner on November 15th.
3. Pastor Cable shared that he had been spending some time this past week training the new office communications coordinator and that she was working out well.
4. Pastor Cable encouraged each Ministry Team to finalize their 2018 budget and get it turned in to the Coordinating Team next week.
5. Pastor Cable shared that the retreat he attended the last weekend in October was a good time of renewal for him and expressed his appreciation to the Session for allowing time away to attend.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. **Old Business/follow-up items** – No old business or follow-up items were discussed.
2. **New Business**
 - a. **Budget Process Review** – The Session discussed the process for completing the 2018 budget submission process and identification of those items in each Team budget considered to be critical to their ministry mission. Pastor Cable and Elders Blakley, Brink and Taylor will meet with the Finance Team to discuss to process and make clarification on some account designations.
 - b. **Church Roll Update** – In preparation for the Church Roll update process in December, Session members were provided a church membership roster showing inactive members. They were also provided a roster showing active members who had not registered their attendance or financial giving in the past 30 days. Session members were charged with the task of reviewing these reports to determine who should be moved from the inactive roll and who should be added. Each Elder was to make every effort to verify each person's status with the church in order to be prepared at the December Session meeting to finalize updates to the Church roll.
 - c. **Emergency Preparation and Preparation** – With recent events impacting churches, some Elders have received inquiries from church members regarding our plans for emergency response in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Discussion focused on the need to protect the congregation while still remaining open, welcoming and not living in fear. Many ideas and valuable input was shared. A work group consisting of Don Vande Polder, Dave Smith and Dennis King will study current practices, responses and resources other churches have utilized in response to this issue and will report their findings and recommendations to the Session at the December Session Meeting.

d. Church Officer Election and Annual Meeting – Elder Kleinmeyer gave an update on the candidates who had been nominated for Elder and Deacon. Session approved calling a meeting of the members for Sunday, December 10, 2017 immediately following the second service for the purpose of voting on the final slate of candidates for Elder and Deacon class of 2020. In addition, Session set the date for the annual meeting of the congregation for January 28, 2018 immediately following the second service.

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Worship Team – Elder Brink reported on the status of planned updates to the ministry center.

b. Outreach Team – Pastor Morefield reported on the planned discipleship focus for 2018.

c. Relationship Team – Plans were discussed for the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner and installation service for Pastor Morefield.

d. Discipleship Team – The Team has been discussing a process to be used for bringing more structure and oversight to topics being taught in Sunday school classes.

e. Coordinating Team – The Team is in the process of reviewing and revising the Girl Scout charter with the church.

4. Clerk's Report -

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

b. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Church.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – October 2017 report received.

2. Financial Report – October 2017 report received.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The Session meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M. with Pastor Cable closing the meeting with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator