

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
October 12, 2017

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held at 6:35 PM on October 12, 2017 at the church.

<u>Elders:</u>	<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 (Excused)
	Don Vande Polder (Excused)	Roy Stewart (Excused)	David Smith

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

PRAYER: Elder Brink 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 devotional centered on Acts 20:18 emphasizing the servant leadership role of the Elders. Discussion focused on the four aspects of under-shepherding care Elders are to provide in their servant leadership role with the congregation – know, care, protect and lead.
2. Pastor Cable reported the next presbytery meeting dates to be October 27 and 28 in St. Louis. Pastor Morefield will attend this meeting where his new terms of call are to be approved.
3. Some ministry teams are sharing information about their team vision, plans and goals for 2018 as part of the stewardship campaign. October 22nd is the planned date for return of congregational stewardship commitment cards for 2018.
4. Pastor Cable reported that he will be attending a pastor's conference on October 27-29.
5. **Tucker and Addison Settles were baptized on 9/24/17. Eli Kleinmeyer will be baptized on 10/22/17.**

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. **Old Business/follow-up items** – No old business or follow-up items were discussed
2. **New Business**
 - a. **Christmas Eve Offering** – The Outreach Team has recommended that the special offering on Christmas Eve go to the EPC Hurricane Relief Fund. Session approved the recommendation.
 - b. The Session and Deacon Board will convene for a joint meeting on November 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
3. **Ministry Team Reports**
 - a. **Worship Team** – One combined morning worship service will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 A.M. There will be two Christmas Eve services at 4:30 and 6:00 P.M.
 - b. **Outreach Team** – Team minutes from their last meeting were submitted for information.
 - c. **Relationship Team** – The fall festival is on October 22nd. A new "Getting to Know Gashland" class has started with many families with young children in attendance.
 - d. **Discipleship Team** – Pastor Morefield reported the Team is continuing the process to reorganize and supply the library. They are also planning implementation of a yearly discipleship topic for congregational spiritual study and growth. There is need for volunteers to help staff the nursery as we have only one paid staff person. There is also a need for volunteers or a paid position to provide child care for church events so that families with young children may more fully participate in these events.

e. Coordinating Team – The Team is in the process of interviewing candidates for the open position in the office.

4. Clerk's Report -

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

b. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Church. The Session will meet with the Deacon Board prior to the regular business meeting. The Clerk was tasked with making arrangements for a meal for the combined meeting.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – September 2017 report received.

2. Financial Report – September 2017 report received.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Chris Taylor, second by Aaron Kleinmeyer, the Session approved adjournment of the meeting. Pastor Cable closed the meeting with prayer at 7:38 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator