

**Session Minutes**  
**Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**September 14, 2017**

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held at 6:33 PM on September 14, 2017 at the church.

<b>Elders:</b>	<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 (Excused)	Mark Lancaster
	Don Vande Polder	Roy Stewart (Excused)	David Smith (Excused)

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

**PRAYER:** Elder Vande Polder 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. Mark Lancaster will host the next Elder fellowship and time of prayer at his farm on a date to be determined and communicated to the group by Mark.
2. Aaron Kleinmeyer moved, second by Mark Blakley, that the Session go into executive session at 6:55 P.M. to discuss the nomination process and nominees for church officers. The executive session ended at 7:45 P.M.
3. Pastor Cable reported the next presbytery meeting dates to be October 26 and 27 in St. Louis. He and Pastor Morefield plan to attend.
4. The WISE mentor program has started.
5. Pastor Cable encouraged the Elders to help facilitate table discussions at Conversations on Wednesday evenings this fall.

**C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:**

1. **Old Business/follow-up items – No old business or follow-up items were discussed**
2. **New Business**
  - a. A prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. prior to the start of Conversations. One Elder and one deacon will serve as facilitators for the group. Mark Lancaster will email a schedule of facilitator spots for Elders and Deacons to sign up for and publish the list.
  - b. **Congregational church officer nominations** –Aaron Kleinmeyer reported that no nominations for the office of Deacon were received from the congregation. The names of all candidates under consideration were submitted by the Nominating Team.
3. **Ministry Team Reports**
  - a. **Worship Team** - Elder Brink reported that the Team discussed the issue of ministry to millennials and the GPC wedding policy. They plan to meet with church wedding coordinator and church office administrator to further discuss the policy prior to making any recommendations on possible changes.
  - b. **Outreach Team** – Aaron Kleinmeyer reported the Team met with the Missions Team to discuss the 2018 budget. They are working on plans for the Trunk or Treat outreach event at the end of October.
  - c. **Relationship Team** – Elder Blakley reported the Team has recently added some new members. They are making plans for the fall festival on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. **Discipleship Team** – Pastor Morefield reported the Team is starting the process to reorganize and supply the library. They are also planning implementation of a yearly discipleship topic for

congregational spiritual study and growth. The Holy Grounds youth meeting room has been remodeled and renamed "Refresh" - (Philemon 1:20 - ..."Refresh my heart in Christ").

**e. Coordinating Team** – The Team is moving forward with a plan to make the open position in the office a full-time position.

**4. Clerk's Report -**

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

**b.** Acknowledgement of request for transfer of membership letter was received from Harvest Bible Chapel St. Louis West (Carol Bryan).

**c.** The next Session Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Church.

**D. CONSENT REPORTS:**

**1. Board of Deacons** – August 2017 report received.

**2. Financial Report** – August 2017 report received.

**E. ADJOURNMENT:**

Pastor Cable closed the meeting with prayer at 9:25 PM.

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Paul Weatherford  
Clerk of Session

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Pastor Ritchey Cable  
Moderator