

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
June 14, 2018

A meeting of the Gashland EPC Session was held at 6:30 PM on June 14, 2018 at the church.

<u>Elders:</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
	Aaron Kleinmeyer	Mike Brink	Peter Marshall
	Chris Taylor	Mark Lancaster	Mark Blakley (Excused)
	Jeff Vander Wee	David Smith	Dennis King (Excused)

Session Moderator: Pastor Morefield moderated the meeting until the arrival Pastor Cable, whose arrival was delayed by a personal family matter.

- A. PRAYER:** Mike Brink opened the meeting with prayer after the Clerk of Session confirmed a quorum of the Session membership was present.
- B. AGENDA ADOPTION:** The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- C. PASTOR’S REPORT:**
1. Pastor Morefield requested prayer for his family. The Elders participated together in a time of prayer for his concerns.
 2. Pastor Cable led a discussion of justice from the book “Gospel Shaped Mercy” by Stephen Um.
- D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:**
1. **Old Business/follow-up items –**
 - a. **Sabbatical policy** – due to the absence of Elder King, this item was deferred for discussion until July.
 - b. **Corporate prayer** – Session engaged in a lengthy discussion of prayer ministry in the church. The Discipleship Team will discuss this ministry at their next meeting and report back to the Session in July about any recommendations for changes or ways to bolster the prayer ministry at Gashland.
 2. **New Business**
 - a. **Under-shepherd ministry review** – Mark Lancaster reminded Elders that the membership roll will be reviewed again this fall to encourage those who are not fully engaged in the life and ministry of the church. Elders were encouraged to engage with the people in their under-shepherding groups now to strengthen commitment and participation in the life of the church. Assignment of new members to under-shepherding groups was made at this time as follows:

Member	Elder
Timothy Price	Aaron Kleinmeyer
Mike and Peggy Burns	Mike Brink
Chuck and Linda Simmons	Mark Blakley
Abigail Brink	Mike Brink
Brent and Angie O’Donnell	Peter Marshall
Chuck Leddle	Chris Taylor
 - b. **Property/Facility Update** – Dave smith gave an update on the status of safety and security measures being considered for the church. A site security survey was conducted by the Kansas City Police Department, Dave will arrange for the police personnel to meet with Coordinating and Property Teams to review and discuss results of the survey and next steps for implementing any security and safety measures, training and policy.
 - c. **Per member asking** – Mark Lancaster recommended more purposeful effort be devoted to asking church members to help support the EPC per member asking fund. GEPC includes this item in the annual budget and some members make an additional offering to support this denominational fund. However, if more people were aware of the ministries supported by this fund, it is believed that more individual members would participate in its support. The Outreach Team will take the lead to educate

the congregation about the ministries supported by this fund and to encourage more members to support it through their giving.

d. Engage booklet/Re:Shape Today ministry libraries – Chris Taylor gave an update on establishing a detailed description of the activities and spiritual gift inventories for these two ministry resources. He is working to establish similar libraries for every ministry in the church to help people understand where and how they can get plugged into the ministry of the church. Team leaders can use the guides to help them find ministry partners and more effectively communicate their needs and identify resources.

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Worship Team – Jeff Vander Weele gave an update of worship team activity. Instrumentalists are needed in the second service, acoustical upgrades are being addressed in the Ministry Center and the Team is considering utilizing some of the historic church creeds in the worship services.

b. Outreach Team – Aaron Kleinmeyer reported that the Outreach Team will host community cookout on July 5th at 6:00 PM in the pavilion. Approximately 80 kids have already registered for the Breakaway sports camp here on July 9-13 and about 40 volunteers have signed on to help.

c. Relationship Team – This Team did not meet in June due to the number of events planned, next being the T-Bones baseball game on June 23rd.

d. Discipleship Team – Pastor Morefield reported that the current book of the month for church-wide study is “Walking Thru Pain and Suffering” by Tim Keller.

e. Coordinating Team – The team is currently conducting a computer inventory and needs assessment for the church.

4. Clerk’s Report -

a. The minutes of the May 2018 Session meeting, having been provided to the Session electronically for review prior to the meeting, were summarized and approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Church.

c. The following people were accepted into membership by the Session and introduced to the congregation on July 1, 2018:

Mike and Peggy Burns -	Reaffirmation of Faith
Chuck and Linda Simmons -	Reaffirmation of Faith
Abigail Brink -	Affirmation of Faith
Timothy Price -	Transfer of Membership
Angie O’Donnell -	Transfer of Membership
Chuck Leddle	Transfer of Membership

E. CONSENT REPORTS:

- 1. Board of Deacons** – May 2018 minutes received.
- 2. Financial Report** – May 2018 financial report received.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

The Session meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M. upon motion of Chris Taylor, seconded by Aaron Kleinmeyer. Pastor Cable closed the meeting with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator