

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
February 5, 2019

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on February 5, 2019, at 6:35 PM via conference call due to weather conditions.

<u>Elders:</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
	Mike Brink	Peter Marshall	Aaron Kleinmeyer
	Mark Lancaster	Mark Blakley-Excused	Derek Williams
	David Smith	Dennis King-Excused	Jeff Van Der Weele

Session Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM after a confirming a quorum was present and requesting a substitute for Paul Weatherford, Clerk of the Session. Peter Marshall volunteered.

PRAYER: Michael Morefield opened the meeting with prayer.

- A. **AGENDA ADOPTION:** The agenda was approved by unanimous voice consent after additional agenda items were added under new business.
- B. **PASTOR'S REPORT:**
1. Update given regarding sabbatical leave, and discussion regarding its announcement at the annual congregational meeting scheduled for February 10, 2019. Discussed having an elder partner with Ritchey in making the announcement and RE Mark Lancaster graciously agreed to perform this duty.
 2. Michael Morefield discussed wedding policies & prayed for the matter discussed.
--**ACTION ITEM**--Worship Team to address matter discussed.
Conversations for next term will focus on mercy and implement Stephen Um's *Gospel Shaped Ministry*
- C. **BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:**
1. Old Business/follow-up items –
 - a. Budget line item descriptions update—reminder to put definition/description behind every line item on the budget so that disbursements made can be properly classified/categorized.
--**ACTION ITEM**-- Coordinating Team to aggregate and communicate these to office staff.
 2. New Business
 - a. Mark Lancaster discussed church roll updates to include reasons for member's removal. Potential for the matter to be asked about at the annual Members' Meeting. Proposed that undersheperds be responsible for knowing the reasons why members are removed.
 - b. Deacon replacement prior to fulfilling term— a current deacon desires to be released from their current term (elected with the understanding that a replacement would be found as soon as possible). A former deacon, who recently completed 2 consecutive 3 year terms is willing to fill the position; however, the BOC seems to indicate this is not allowed. Discussed possibilities of resolving this issue. Current deacon will be notified that they are "released" from their current term upon receipt of written request. Nominating team will discuss how their position will be filled based on current discussion.
--**ACTION ITEM**--Peter Marshall to discuss with respective deacon the timeline for release, and with nominating team regarding replacement.
 - c. Apostles' Creed discussion led by Jeff Van Der Weele. Hymnals have been updated with the creed posted within them. Ritchey Cable will meeting with worship leaders to implement a schedule of regular corporate reading during both worship services.
--**ACTION ITEM**--Ritchey Cable to report back to Session regarding his discussion with worship leaders
 - d. Derek Williams led discussion regarding how we better communicate that there are resources available for those who need financial assistance for various church activities. How do we make it

really easy for people (within and without the church) to know there are resources available?
Suggestion was made to consider using phrase of "suggested donation" instead of "cost" and ensure consistently communicated during announcements.

3. Ministry Team Reports

- a. Worship Team –Discussion regarding possible hymnal replacement underway. Monthly minutes submitted for review by Session.
- b. Outreach Team –Did not meet since last Session meeting.
- c. Relationship Team –Did not meet since last Session meeting.
- d. Discipleship Team – Celebration held for 'Read the Bible in a Year' program, which was well attended. New position for Little Lambs ministry in progress. Did not meet since last Session meeting
- e. Coordinating Team – Monthly minutes submitted for review by Session.

4. Clerk's Report -

- a. Reading and approval of January 2019 Session Meeting Minutes.
- b. Next meeting March 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

- 1. Board of Deacons – Did not meet since last Session meeting
- 2. Financial Report – January report not yet available

Jeff Van Der Weele motioned to move to executive Session, second by Dave Smith. Dave Smith motioned to move from executive Session, second by Aaron Kleinmeyer.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Brink moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Aaron Kleinmeyer. A voice vote to adjourn was unanimous. Ritchey closed the meeting with prayer at 8:53 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator