

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
January 10, 2019

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on January 10 at 6:35 PM at the church.

Elders:	<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	Derek Williams
	David Smith	Dennis King	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.

PRAYER: Michael Morefield opened the meeting with prayer. Mark Blakley led the Session in prayer for a church member who suffered a stroke this week following surgery.

A. AGENDA ADOPTION: The agenda was approved by unanimous voice consent

B. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Book discussion, "Gospel Shaped Ministry" by Stephen Um, "Diversity". Pastor Cable led a discussion of diversity and how that is reflected in our church, the church in general and our surrounding community. The question was left on the table as to what steps we can take next to pursue diversity in our church.

***Action Item** - Ritchey, Michael, Aaron and Mark Lancaster will meet together before next Session meeting to discuss how to present this teaching on a broader basis to our church.

2. Pastor Cable asked each Elder to indicate their preference for ministry team assignments, he look at the listing of preferences and then discuss assignments with them for the coming year.

3. The Presbytery meeting will be held at our church on January 25-26. PASTOR Cable encouraged all elders to attend.

4. Pastor Morefield reported that he will conduct a Family Ministry seminar for our church on February 23rd.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. Old Business/follow-up items –

a. Due to scheduling conflicts, incoming Elders and Deacons did not receive training prior to the end of 2018 and therefor were not installed into office as had been planned on January 6th. However, the training will be completed this month and the installation service is scheduled for January 27th. Future training for newly elected church officers will be the responsibility of the Discipleship Team.

b. The annual Member's meeting will be held on February 10th immediately following the 2nd service.

2. New Business

a. **Election of Corporate Officers** – GEPC articles of incorporation allow for the annual election of a Board of Trustees to conduct official business for the corporation. These trustees also serve as Elders. For the position of President, Dennis King was nominated by Mark Lancaster. A voice vote was held with all yes. For the position of Vice-President, Dave Smith was nominated by Aaron Kleinmeyer. A voice vote was held with all yes. For the position of clerk to the Board of Trustees, Paul Weatherford was elected for another term.

b. **Sabbatical Leave** – Representing the Coordinating Team, Dennis King presented a:

***Motion** - for **the approval of sabbatical leave for Pastor Cable during 2019 as funded in the FY2019 budget. A voice vote was held with all yes. Motion approved.** The congregation will be informed of the details of the sabbatical leave at the annual members meeting.

c. **FY 2019 Budget** – Dennis King, representing the Coordinating Team, presented the proposed FY2019 budget as prepared by the Finance Team. The proposed budget was approved by unanimous voice vote after much discussion. The budget detail will be presented to the congregation at the annual member meeting in February with a copy attached to these minutes for documentation.

d. Budget Line-item Description – Each ministry team was tasked with formulating a line item description of all expenditures within their respective budgets so that office administrative staff can more accurately document expenditures, ensuring the proper account is assigned.

e. Under-Shepherd Team Assignments – The following under-shepherd team assignments were made:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Under-shepherd</u>
Hal & Kathy Rogers	Dave Smith
Mike & Leslie Rader	Dave Smith
Wendy Steinhaus	Dave Smith
Mark & Matsy McCabe	Mark Blakley
Gary & Madison Stewart	Mark Blakley
Caroline Brink	Peter Marshall
Barry & Laura Cooper	Peter Marshal
Christine Foster	Dennis King
Diane Wonderly	Derek Williams
Zachariah Wooldridge & Flavia Queiroz	Aaron Kleinmeyer
Rose Dragen	Mike Brink
Janice McCann	Mike Brink
Timothy Price	Jeff Van Der Weele

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Worship Team – Jeff shared a form that he developed to help keep track of communion service to shut-ins. Monthly meeting minutes were submitted for review by Session members.

b. Outreach Team – Monthly meeting minutes were submitted for review by Session members.

c. Relationship Team – Monthly meeting minutes were submitted for review by Session members.

d. Discipleship Team – Monthly meeting minutes were submitted for review by Session members.

e. Coordinating Team – Monthly meeting minutes were submitted for review by Session members.

4. Clerk's Report -

a. The December 2018 Session meeting minutes were summarized and approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. The February 2019 Session meeting was scheduled for February 7th at 6:30 PM.

c. An email was sent to the Mid-America Presbytery to advise them of our intent to provide per member asking in the amount of \$3800.00 quarterly in FY2019.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – December 2018 meeting minutes received.

2. Financial Report – December 2018 report received.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Aaron Kleinmeyer moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Dave Smith. A voice vote to adjourn was unanimous. Aaron closed the meeting with prayer at 9:28 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator