

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
April 11, 2019

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on April 11 at 6:32 PM at the church.

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

Session Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM after confirming a quorum was present.

PRAYER: Pastor Morefield opened the meeting with prayer.

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

B. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Pastor Cable began the meeting by asking Pastor Morefield to share about his experience being a new father. Aaron Kleinmeyer prayed for Michael and his family.
2. Pastor Cable asked Dennis King to share about his recovery from his medical issues. Jeff Van Der Weele prayed for Dennis and his continued recovery.
3. Pastor Cable gave an update on his planned sabbatical for this summer. His last Sunday will be May 19th. He gave a more detailed schedule for his planned time away beginning with a week of solitude and reflection hopefully at his grand-parents old farmstead in Texas prior to the sale of that property.
4. Pastor Cable reported on two possible resources we could utilize to survey the church - Natural Church Development and Healthy Church.
5. Pastor Cable reported there will be a simple meal with communion for Maundy Thursday service, which Michael will handle. Several Elders were assigned to assist with communion service. Ritchey will handle the Good Friday service and preach on Easter Sunday. Michael will preach after Easter.
6. Pastor Morefield gave an update on the revision of the wedding policy and procedures. He is enjoying the responsibility of providing pre-marital counseling to couples.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. **Old Business/follow-up items** – Next Church – Mark Lancaster led a discussion of several issues to be aware of that may no longer be useful when considering church development. The information was gleaned from a web-site hosted by Carey Nieuwhof. This item will be carried as old business pending a planned retreat for church leadership in the fall.
2. **New Business**
 - a. **2018 Audit Team** – The Finance Team submitted a slate of candidates for the 2018 Audit Team. The Team was approved by the Session upon unanimous voice vote.
 - b. **New refrigerator for upstairs kitchen** – Dennis King submitted a request from the Deacons for an approximate \$2000 purchase of a new refrigerator. This item is not in their 2019 budget. After much discussion on the proper funding source, need and process this item was referred back to the Deacons with the suggestion that they approach the Relationship Team for possible funding of the item.
3. **Ministry Team Reports**
 - a. **Worship Team** – The Team is still reviewing options for possible replacement of the church hymnals. Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM. The Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:00 PM and include a simple meal and communion.

b. Outreach Team – The Team reported that there is a possibility of summer activity involvement with Gashland Elementary School needs. Caitlin Palmer will be in charge of Breakaway camp this summer.

c. Relationship Team – The Team is sponsoring a Men’s Ministry movie night on April 26th, another family game night, all church picnic in June and summer socials.

d. Discipleship Team – Michael Morefield reported that consideration is being given to updating the nursery physical space possibly thru an upcoming capital campaign.

e. Coordinating Team – Pastor Cable reported that a capital campaign team has been formed to explore the possibility of conducting such a campaign. He hopes to include many team and ministry leaders in meetings to gather input on the scope and need of such an undertaking.

4. Clerk’s Report -

a. The March 2019 Session minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote after a correction was made to reflect that the special communion service referenced under new business was in relation to Michael’s preaching on the Passover on March 24th and not in reference to the Maundy Thursday service.

b. The May 2019 Session meeting was scheduled for May 9th at 6:00 PM at the church. This will be a joint meeting with the Deacons.

c. The EPC General Assembly will be held on June 18-21. Pastor Morefield will be attending. Elders were asked to consider their own attendance and be ready to report at the next meeting in May if they will be attending.

d. Church roll changes – Chad and Heidi Lane and family have moved to Kearney and have been searching for a new church home in their new community. The Session approved moving their membership status from Active to in-active. Courtney Taylor has joined a new church in her new home town in Texas; therefor, the Session approved removing her from the church roll as transferred to another church.

e. The 2018 EPC Annual Report was submitted by the Clerk to the EPC on April 1st.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

- 1. Board of Deacons** – March 2019 meeting minutes received.
- 2. Financial Report** – March 2019 report received.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Jeff Van Der Weele moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Mark Blakley. A voice vote to adjourn was unanimous. Derek Williams closed the meeting with prayer at 8:22 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator