

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
August 8, 2019

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on August 8th at 6:35 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	Aaron Kleinmeyer
	Mark Lancaster	Mark Blakley (Excused)	Derek Williams
	David Smith (Excused)	Dennis King	Jeff Van Der Weele

Moderator: Pastor Michael Morefield called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM after confirming a quorum.

PRAYER: Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

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

B. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Pastor Morefield began the meeting by discussing the need for dedicated staff or volunteers to operate the sound system during 1st service. Mike Brink said the Worship Team will take up the issue and address the need.
2. Pastor Morefield announced he will begin a sermon series on Malachi on Sunday, August 11th.
3. Pastor Morefield discussed the need for an additional staff member to have her own credit card for church business. It was decided to have her use one of the existing credit cards currently issued to another staff member. Session noted that was not ideal in terms of accounting and that the audit team may take exception.
4. Pastor Morefield will check with Pastor Cable to confirm his availability for the Elder Retreat on Sept. 14th.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. Old Business/follow-up items –

- a. **Next Church** – Mark Lancaster informed the Session that he posted an on-line survey for the Elders to complete to help define their vision of the future church. This process will help form the agenda for the upcoming Session retreat. Survey responses are requested by September 1st so Mark can organize them into a report.
- b. **Nominating Team** – Peter Marshall reported that very few nominations had been received from the congregation. The Team identified several candidates that are being considered. Informational booklets and nominating forms will be handed out during upcoming Sunday services as well as an announcement about the nominating process.

2. New Business

- a. **Stained Glass** – Mark Lancaster gave an update on the condition of the stained glass windows throughout the church property. It is estimated to cost \$40,000 to repair all of those windows. The Property Team has recommended that only those windows located in the sanctuary be maintained and that all other stained glass window be replaced over time as needed with more efficient windows. No formal action was taken by the Session indicating that the Property Team recommendation will be followed.

3. Ministry Team Reports

- a. **Worship Team** – Jeff Van Der Weele gave a report on the serving of communion to shut-ins during the past month. Mike Brink reported that the hymnal review process will continue into the fall.
- b. **Outreach Team** – the Team did not meet this month.
- c. **Relationship Team** – The Team did not meet this month.
- d. **Discipleship Team** – A church-wide brunch will be held on September 1st to announce new Sunday School classes for the fall and other fall ministry initiatives. Conversations will resume on September 11th with a report from Pastor Cable about his sabbatical experience.
- e. **Coordinating Team** – The 2018 Audit Report will be available next month. The Team is also preparing a purchasing policy for all Teams to follow.

4. Clerk's Report -

- a. The July 2019 Session minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- b. The September 2019 Session meeting was scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 PM at the church.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

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

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Lancaster moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Dennis King. A voice vote to adjourn was unanimous. Pastor Morefield closed the meeting with prayer at 8:20 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Michael Morefield
Moderator