

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
October 10, 2019

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on October 10th at 6:30 PM via conference call.

<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	Derek Williams
	David Smith (Excused)	Dennis King	Jeff Van Der Weele

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

A. PRAYER: Michael Morefield opened the meeting with prayer.

B. AGENDA ADOPTION: The agenda was approved, with amendments, by unanimous voice consent.

C. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. **Finance Report** - Jim Lorenzetti joined the call on behalf of the Finance Team. He shared unpledged giving has not kept pace with the budget. However, this past month we turned a slight corner as our deficit has decreased the gap from 13% to 11% as September 30th. He encouraged to continue our message to the congregation to keep up their giving commitments. Presentation updates will be delivered to the congregation at services at the end of October and November. Mike Brink prayed for the Finance Team and their work.
2. Each ministry team was encouraged to keep discretionary spending at a minimum through the remainder of the fiscal year. Mike Brink was tasked with preparing a statement for ministry teams to consider in helping to guide spending decisions for the rest of the year.
3. FY-2020 budget packets have been sent to each ministry team for preparation. Pastor Cable reminded teams of the due date in November.

D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION

1. Old Business
 - a. Nominating Team - Peter Marshall gave an update on the candidates identified by the Team for election to the position of deacon and elder. Four deacon candidates and three elder candidates are being proposed by the team. One candidate for elder, a long time attender and ministry leader within the congregation, was determined to not be an actual member of the congregation. Elders Marshall and King met with elder candidate Ron Wilson on September 22, 2019 where he made a reaffirmation of faith and declaration of intent to enter into membership of GEPC by responding affirmatively to the questions in the EPC Book of Order, Ch. 8, Authority of the Session Over Church Membership, Section 8-3, Membership Rolls, subsection B.3.a-e. Accordingly, Session accepted Ron Wilson into membership by unanimous voice vote.

**** The Nominating Team made the following motion: The slate of candidates interviewed and identified by the Nominating Team be approved for the office of Deacon and Elder, class of 2022, with one deacon position filling a partial term (class of 2021).***

A voice vote was held, all yes. Motion approved.

The candidates will meet with clergy and elders on the nominating team, as needed, to help inform their understanding of the spiritual and leadership responsibility of their office.

2. New Business
 - a. Reformation Sunday - The last Sunday in October will be recognized and celebrated at both services.
 - b. Joint meeting with the Deacons - The Elders will host a joint meeting with the Deacons at its next meeting on November 14th at 6:00 PM.
3. Team Reports
 - a. Worship Team - No report
 - b. Outreach Team - The team reported on one of our supported ministries who has an extra financial need beyond our level of support. There was much discussion about the exact nature and amount of the need and how it could best be met. The item was returned to the Outreach Team for further investigation of the need and our ability to help meet it in light of our own financial situation and the pending guidance on budget austerity.
 - c. Relationship Team - No report.
 - d. Discipleship Team - No report.
 - e. Coordinating Team - no report.
4. Clerk's Report
 - a. Approval of September 2019 Session Meeting Minutes - The minutes were summarized and approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Next meeting of the Session will be on November 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM with the Deacons.
5. Deacons Minutes - The Minutes for September 2019 were received by the Session.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator