

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
September 12, 2019

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on September 12th at 6:30 PM at the church.

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

Pastor Michael Morefield was also in attendance.

Guest – Deacon Steve Moberg, Member of Pastoral Sabbatical Evaluation Team.

Moderator: Pastor Cable called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM after confirming a quorum.

PRAYER: Mark Lancaster 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 reporting on several conclusions from his recent sabbatical. A formal report will be submitted in writing to the Coordinating Team. Some conclusions reported by Pastor Cable were:
Personal – A desire to lead better, be more strategic and visionary, manage time better, protect time at home with his family. He will move his day off to Friday from Monday to help in this area.
Church – Prioritize ministry involvement and examine ways to increase and improve our digital presence for ministry outreach.
2. Pastor Cable announced the Elder Retreat will be on October 11th and 12th.
3. Pastor Cable reported on his meeting with Bill Pearce regarding the upcoming capital campaign. An emphasis will be to focus on how eliminating the mortgage debt will free up resources to pursue ministry priorities.
4. Pastor Morefield reported that he will be on study leave and vacation beginning the 2nd week of October.

C. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION:

1. Old Business/follow-up items –

- a. Next Church** – Mark Lancaster shared with Session the results of the on-line survey completed on the vision of the future church. This information will help guide the discussion at the upcoming Session retreat.
- b. Nominating Team** – Peter Marshall reported that four candidates for Deacon and four candidates for Elder have been identified by the Team. Each candidate was discussed by the Session.

2. New Business

- a. Under Shepherding** – Mark Lancaster submitted a motion to the Session to publicly post the membership list for each under-shepherding team so people could see that information and be better able to start making connections with each other and their under-shepherd. After much discussion about the function, form and process of under-shepherding and the fact that new elders would begin their term in just a few months, the motion was pulled. This issue will be part of the discussion at the upcoming Elder Retreat.
- b. Finance Report** – Peter Marshall gave a report on the status of the budget. Several factors seem to be impacting the budget this year. These include deficits in annual, one-time and weekly pledges and a deficit in unpledged giving compared to budget projections. These issues will be addressed to the congregation by the Finance Team in the next several weeks.
- c. 2018 Audit Report** – Dennis King reported that the Audit Team has submitted their final report on the 2018 Audit of the church.

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Worship Team – Progress is being made on the hymnal review process.

b. Outreach Team – No report.

c. Relationship Team – Re-Shape Today information on individual church member's spiritual gifting areas is being disseminated to all ministry teams so that information can be utilized to help identify ministry volunteers for the various teams.

d. Discipleship Team – No report.

e. Coordinating Team – No report.

4. Clerk's Report -

a. The August 2019 Session minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. The October 2019 Session meeting was scheduled for October 10th at 6:30 PM. This will be a tele-conference.

D. CONSENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Deacons – August 2019 meeting minutes received.

2. Financial Report – August 2019 report received.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Jeff Van Der Weele moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Dennis King. A voice vote to adjourn was unanimous. Pastor Cable closed the meeting with prayer at 10:00 PM.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator