

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
February 18, 2021

A meeting of the Gashland EPC Session was held on February 18th at 6:30 PM via ZOOM and in person.

<u>Elders:</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
	Aaron Kleinmeyer	Tom Clapham	Dallas Reeve
	Derek Williams	Ron Wilson	Mark Lancaster
	Jeff Van Der Weele	Mike Zachary	Don Vande Polder

Pastor Michael Morefield was also in attendance.

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

A. PRAYER: Pastor Cable opened the meeting with prayer.

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

C. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Pastor Cable – Installation of new church officers will take place on February 21st at both services. He outlined the role of Elders as ministry of the Word from Acts Chapter 6. A time of prayer for the Elders and their ministry role was shared by the group.
2. Pastor Cable – Ministry Team assignments were made for the Elders based on their areas of interest and gifts as follows:
 - Worship Team - Pastor Cable & Jeff Van Der Weele
 - Outreach Team – Derek Williams, Mike Zachary & Pastor Morefield
 - Relationship Team – Tom Clapham, Dallas Reeve & Pastor Morefield
 - Discipleship Team – Aaron Kleinmeyer & Pastor Morefield
 - Coordinating Team – Mark Lancaster, Ron Wilson & Don Vande PolderJeff Van Der Weele prayed for each of the ministry teams.
3. Pastor Morefield – Under-shepherding group assignment need to be realigned with the additional of new Elders to the Session. Michael presented a seven-day prayer calendar as a guide to assist each elder in praying for each family under their care on a weekly basis. The following group assignments were made: GAMMA/Dallas Reeve – **OMEGA**/Jeff Van Der Weele – **LAMBDA**/Ron Wilson
KAPPA/Tom Clapham – **SIGMA**/Derek Williams - **TAU**/Don Vande Polder - **DELTA**/Aaron Kleinmeyer
IOTA/Mark Lancaster – **OMICRON**/Mike Zachary.
After group assignments were made, Mark Lancaster forwarded a copy of the revised (2015) Under-shepherding Guidelines as a resource for each Elder.

D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION

1. Old Business
 - a. Adjustment to Church Membership Roll – Pastor Morefield suggested that people not be moved into inactive status or removed from the Church membership roll this year due to the complications presented by the pandemic. After much discussion, Session decided to postpone moving members to inactive status or removing from the membership roll for this year except in cases where clear evidence is present to indicate such a move is warranted. This would include a member's request to be transferred to another church or otherwise to be removed or upon the death of a member. Elders were tasked with reviewing their respective Under-shepherd lists before the March Session meeting to determine if any such adjustments to the membership roll are warranted.
2. New Business
 - a. Loan of Property Form – Mark Lancaster provided information to the Session about this new form created by the Coordinating Team to help document loan of Church property to individuals and groups who may have such need. The idea behind the form is to create accountability and parameters around

the use of such property by individuals and groups. After some discussion, Session voted unanimously to approve the Coordinating Team motion to adopt and implement the Loan of Church Property Form.

b. Loan of Church Bell to The Brim – Mark Lancaster presented a motion from the Coordinating Team to approve the Loan of Church Property request from The Brim to borrow the Church Bell to be placed in the bell tower at The Brim’s wedding chapel. The Brim is a ministry of Aaron and Kelsie Kleinmeyer that provides a free wedding venue for couples. The goal of The Brim is to point others to the abundance found in Jesus Christ to sustain them in their marriage and in life through His redemptive. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Dallas Reeve prayed for The Brim ministry.

c. Election of Church Officers – Pastor Cable asked the Session to elect officers for the Board of Trustees in compliance with our incorporation status under the laws of the State of Missouri. Elders are also elected to the Board of Trustees when standing for election to Church office by the Congregation. The following names were placed into nomination:

President – Don Vande Polder
Vice-President – Aaron Kleinmeyer
Secretary – Paul Weatherford

A voice vote was held for the election of each person to their respective office. All yes for all positions.

d. The Clerk of Session presented a motion from the Deacons requesting Session to implement a policy for the timely installation of new Church officers as follows:

Members elected to the Church Office of Deacon or Elder will be installed into said office by the second Sunday of January in the year immediately following said election.

A voice vote was held – all Yes. Motion Passes. The Clerk notified the Deacons of this action via email following the vote.

3. Team Reports

- a. Worship Team – Worship Leader and equipment needs for the 2nd Service were discussed.
- b. Outreach Team – Session was reminded of the Wednesday evening prayer ministry.
- c. Relationship Team – New Team members are being recruited to assist with this ministry.
- d. Discipleship Team – Nothing new to report.
- d. Coordinating Team – The Team will begin meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 PM. They have been discussing COVID protocols and how Elders and Deacons can continue to interact in a more effective way to assist with the ministries of the church.

4. Clerk’s Report –

- a. Minutes from the January 2021 Session Meeting were reviewed and approved.
- b. Minutes from the Annual Member’s Meeting of February 7th, 2021 were presented and accepted.
- c. The next Session meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via ZOOM and in person.

E. **CONSENT REPORTS**

1. The Deacons Meeting Minutes for January 2021 were received by Session.
2. The Finance Team Report for January 2021 was received by Session.

F. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was moved for adjournment by Aaron Kleinmeyer, second by Don Vande Polder with unanimous consent. Aaron Kleinmeyer closed the meeting at 8:33 PM with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator