

**Session Minutes**  
**Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**January 14, 2021**

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on January 14th at 6:30 PM via ZOOM .

<b><u>Elders:</u></b>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
	Peter Marshall	Aaron Kleinmeyer	Chris Taylor (Excused)	Mark Lancaster
	Mark Blakley	Derek Williams	Ron Wilson	Dallas Reeve
	Dennis King	Jeff Van Der Weele	Mike Zachary	Don Vande Polder

Pastor Morefield was in attendance. The Class of 2023 was in attendance although not yet installed. Jim Lorenzetti and Phil Josephson were in attendance representing the Deacons and the Finance Team.

**Moderator:** Pastor Ritchey Cable called the meeting to order 6:36 PM after confirming a quorum.

**A. PRAYER:** Elder Kleinmeyer opened the meeting with prayer.

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

**C. PASTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Pastor Cable began the meeting by introducing Jim and Phil and giving the floor to them discuss the proposed FY2021 budget. They highlighted results of the annual stewardship process, budget assumptions, changes in Team budget requests and adjustments made to bring the budget into balance with projected revenue. After a question, answer and discussion period, the proposed budget was moved for adoption and unanimously approved by voice vote. Pastor Cable thanked Jim and Phil and the entire Finance Team and Deacons for their work on the budget.
2. Jeff Van Der Weele and Don Vande Polder led the Session in a time of prayer for the Church, our pastors and ministry teams.
3. Pastor Cable led the Session in a time of discuss about the Payroll Protection Program loan and main ideas to communicate to the congregation the rationale and purpose for obtaining loan.
4. Pastor Cable reported he would be taking three weeks personal leave time in April to pursue completion of the film project that was postponed last year.

**D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION**

1. Old Business
  - a. Nominating Team – Tom Clapham has been nominated to fill the Elder vacancy in the Class of 2022. A vote of the congregation will be held during the Annual Meeting on 2-7-21. Training for the newly elected officers will be in the next few weeks.
2. New Business - None
3. Team Reports
  - a. Worship Team – Ash Wednesday will be observed on February 17th.
  - b. Outreach Team – the Team is hopeful that the discipleship emphasis on prayer this year will have a big impact on the community surrounding the church and are making plans for how to facilitate this.
  - c. Relationship Team – Christmas gifts and cards were delivered to shut-ins for Christmas.
  - d. Discipleship Team –No report.
  - d. Coordinating Team – The Team discovered an error in the pension withholding for Pastors Cable and Morefield for the years 2018 and 2019 in the total amount of just over \$1,000.00. The Team moved that Session approved an expenditure to rectify this situation. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.  
The Coordinating Team also summarized the results of the 2019 Audit Team report. The primary recommendation was to strengthen online purchasing guidelines for church staff as there had been a

marked increase in this activity in the past year due to the pandemic. The Team is working to address those guidelines.

4. Clerk's Report –

- a. Minutes from the December 2020 Session Meeting were reviewed and approved.
- b. An annual Meeting of the Members has been scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 immediately the second service. The agenda for the meeting will be to present the 2021 Annual Budget, vote on the nomination of Tom Clapham for Elder to fill an open position in the Class of 2022 and vote on the proposed change in Terms of Call for Pastors Cable and Morefield. The meeting will be on ZOOM and in person. Newly elected officers will be installed on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The next Session meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via ZOOM and in person.
- d. Session tasked the Clerk with including the following agenda items for the February meeting – Under-shepherding Group Assignments and Annual Changes to the Church Roll.

E. **CONSENT REPORTS**

1. The Deacons Meeting Minutes for December 2020 were received by Session.
2. The Finance Team Report for December 2020 was received by Session.

F. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was moved for adjournment by Mark Blakley, second by Mike Zachary, with unanimous consent. Pastor Cable closed the meeting at 8:51 PM with prayer.

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Paul Weatherford  
Clerk of Session

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Pastor Ritchey Cable  
Moderator