

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2020

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on April 2nd at 7:00 PM via ZOOM .

<u>Elders:</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
	Peter Marshall	Aaron Kleinmeyer	Chris Taylor
	Mark Blakley	Derek Williams	Ron Wilson
	Dennis King	Jeff Van Der Weele	Mike Zachary

Pastor Michael Morefield and Finance Team members Phil Josephson and Jim Lorenzetti were also in attendance.

Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable called the meeting to order 7:04 PM after confirming a quorum.

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

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

C. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Pastor Cable provided a brief background on the CARES Act recently passed by Congress and introduced the Finance Team representatives active on the ZOOM call to provide more details on its provisions.

D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION

1. Old Business

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2. New Business

a. CARES Act – Phil and Jim shared information about the CARES Act and made a recommendation to the Session that the Church apply for these Federal funds. The CARES act was passed by Congress to allow small businesses the opportunity to retain employees on the payroll instead of cutting their hours or terminating their employment during the economic downturn created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds received must be used to pay for salaries, rent, mortgage, interest and utilities. If these spending guidelines are followed the money received is not repayable and essentially becomes a grant, if used for other purposes or not within the guidelines of the program, then the funds are repayable at a very low interest rate – currently 1% or less. 501(C)3 organizations are eligible to apply for the funds, which are capped at 2.5 times actual monthly payroll cost for the organization. Gashland would be eligible for approximately \$95,000.

There was much discussion about the program, the Church's financial need, possible ramifications for participating in the CARES Act program and for not participating. After much discussion, the Finance Team recommendation was presented as follows:

****MOTION - Finance Team recommends that the Session and Trustees approve a loan in the Paycheck Protection Program from the Small Business Administration (SBA) resulting from the approval of the CARES Act, with the assumption that Gashland will follow all of the steps to seek total forgiveness of the loan.***

The motion was made for approval by Mike Zachary, 2nd by Derek Williams. A voice vote was held – 11 Yes and 1 No. **Motion passes.**

Upon approval of the Finance Team recommendation to pursue funds the SBA CARES Act PP Program, Pastor Cable entertained a motion for Session to proceed with a Trustees meeting. Chris Taylor moved,

2nd by Dennis King, that Session enter into a Trustees meeting and approve the action taken during the Session meeting to pursue funds under the SBA CARES Act PP Program. A unanimous voice vote was held to commence Trustee Meeting and the Trustee meeting began at 7:36 PM. A voice by the Trustees on the action approved by Session was held – 11 Yes and 1 No - Session action approved by the Board of Trustees.

At 7:41 PM Dennis King moved, 2nd by Jeff Van Der Weele, that the Trustee meeting conclude. A voice vote was held – All yes.

b. Ministry Plan Update – Pastor Cable discussed with Session the ministry plan for the coming weeks during the pandemic restrictions. Church staff is working hard to enhance and expand ministry offerings online with daily devotionals, Sunday School classes, Wednesday night Conversations and moving church team meetings online. He is also planning for how and when we will able to meet again corporately.

E. Adjournment – The meeting was moved for adjournment by Mark Blakley, second by Aaron Klienmeyer with unanimous consent. Pastor Morefield closed the meeting at 8:17 PM with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator