

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
June 11, 2020

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on June 11th at 6:30 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 (Excused)	Derek Williams	Ron Wilson
	Dennis King	Jeff Van Der Weele	Mike Zachary

Pastor Michael Morefield was also in attendance.

Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable called the meeting to order 6:34 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 gave an update on the status of church services resuming in person. The first week for in-service worship via pre-registration resulted in 58 people for first service and 75 for second service.
 2. Pastor Cable reported that online service viewing seems to be leveling off with 225 - 250 tuning in recently.
 3. Pastor Cable shared that we should hold all of our plans for reengaging in in-person services loosely as the pandemic dynamics may change in the coming weeks.
 4. Pastor Morefield shared that technical problems during 2nd service have been resolved. There continues to be a need for additional volunteers to help with the chair team and First Team. In addition, there has been a conflict with children's Sunday School and the 1st Service times since we returned to regular service times. Scheduling options will be reviewed to reach a solution.
- D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION**
1. Old Business
 - a. Newsletter - Chris Taylor provided a draft copy of a newsletter for Session to review to illustrate the potential for such a document. Caitlin Palmer proposed a title for the newsletter - "The Porch" - a nod to Solomon's portico in scripture. Chris and Caitlin will continue to work on bringing the newsletter to life with encouragement from the Session.
 2. New Business
 - a. General Assembly - This year's G.A. will have an option for virtual attendance on September 17 and 18. August 15 is the deadline for completion of Commissioner Certification which allows elders to vote.
 3. Team Reports
 - a. Worship Team – Communion will resume in July with individual serving cups and wafers available.
 - b. Outreach Team – Summer Breakaway Camp will not be held this year.
 - c. Relationship Team – Fifty people attended the outdoor movie night. Another movie may be offered in late July.
 - d. Discipleship Team – Several Sunday School classes will be offered in late June. A sign up process may be instituted to manage the class sizes.
 - d. Coordinating Team – The Coordinating Team proposed that the Little Lambs Ministry program be changed to a volunteer driven entity with a paid volunteer recruiter/manager/director overseeing the ministry. This would result in the elimination of current part-time paid staff now working in the

program. After much discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the current model and the proposed model, the Coordinating Team presented the following motion:

The Little Lambs Ministry will transition to a volunteer serviced ministry managed by an experienced volunteer recruiter/manager to be hired as soon as possible to begin the process of implementing this transition on July 1st.

****A voice vote was held - 6 Yes, 3 Abstain - Motion passes.***

At 8:50 PM Ron Wilson moved, second by Peter Marshall, that Session go into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.. A voice vote was held - all yes. The executive session ended at 8:25 PM upon a unanimous voice vote moved by Ron Wilson, seconded by Peter Marshall

4. Clerk's Report –

- a. Minutes from the ~~June 11, 2020~~ **May 14, 2020** Session Meeting were reviewed and approved.
- b. The next Session meeting was scheduled for July 10, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the church.

E. **CONSENT REPORTS**

1. The Deacon May Meeting Minutes were received by Session.
2. The Finance Team Report for May was received.

F. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was moved for adjournment by Ron Wilson, second by Chris Taylor with unanimous consent. Pastor Cable closed the meeting at 8:36 PM with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator