

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
December 10, 2020

A meeting of the Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session was held on December 10 at 6:30 PM at the church.

<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 Morefield and newly elected elders Reeve, Lancaster and Van de Polder also attended the meeting.

Moderator: Pastor Morefield called the meeting to order 6:38 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 Morefield provided an updated on the Church roll update assignment. Elders were tasked with reviewing the list for accuracy and prepare to make changes in member status as appropriate at the January meeting. It was suggested that member status be changed only when circumstances are known for certain as in cases of members moving out of the area or death due to events of 2020 surrounding the pandemic. When finalized, the list of members by under-shepherding group will be posted for members to access.
2. Pastor Cable informed Session that Phil Pace's last day would be December 31st. Steven and Naomi Franklin have agreed to serve as interim 2nd Service Worship leaders through Easter.
3. Pastor Cable announced a vacancy for the Office of Elder. The Nominating Team was tasked with examining the most recently vetted candidates to determine a member to stand for election to the vacant position.
4. Some concern has been expressed regarding the Session decision to pursue and obtain Payroll Protection Program SBA loan in early 2020 in response to the pandemic. Session and the Finance Team will discuss this issue in more detail in the coming days and prepare a more detailed official explanation of the process and rational for pursuing this course of action.
5. Pastor Cable announced there would be three Christmas Eve services at 3:30, 5:00 and 6:30 PM with in person and virtual options for all three services.
6. Pastor Cable led the Session in a discussion of COVID protocols as it relates to worship and ministry impact in the church.
7. Many positive comments and feedback were offered for the recent Women's Advent event. Pastor Morefield was commended for his hard work helping to organize this worship experience.

D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION

1. Old Business
 - a. New playground equipment – Mark Blakley presented this item on behalf of the Outreach, Relationship and Discipleship Teams. Discussion with the Finance Team indicates their recommendation for a funding source for this purchase. After discussion of the proposal, the following motion was put forward for vote of the Session:

***The Session approve the purchase and installation of commercial playground equipment and installation in the existing playground space in an amount up to \$45,700.**

A voice vote was held – 8 yes and 1 no. Motion passed.

2. New Business -
 - a. None reported.
 3. Team Reports
 - a. Worship Team
 - Continued emphasis on following COVID protocols in compliance with civil and authorities and consistent with many other congregations.
 - b. Outreach Team
 - Christmas Eve offering will be designated to Fountain City EPC in Overland Park, KS.
 - The basketball goal repair parts have been ordered.
 - c. Relationship Team
 - Christmas cards will be mailed to all shut-ins along with a small gift from the church.
 - d. Discipleship Team
 - An Advent Book of the Month is being made available for members in December – “When Love Came Down” by Sinclair Ferguson.
 - The 2021 Discipleship emphasis will be on prayer using Ken Boa’s “Handbook on Prayer”.
 - E. Coordinating Team
 - Dennis King gave an update on the Church COVID protocols.
 4. Clerk’s Report
 - a. Approval of November 2020 Session Meeting Minutes - The minutes were summarized and approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. Next meeting of the Session will be on January 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.
 5. Deacons Minutes - The Minutes for December 2020 have been received.
 6. Financial Report – The report for December 2020 was received.
- E. Adjournment – The meeting was moved for adjournment by Mark Blakley, second by Aaron Kleinmeyer with unanimous consent. Pastor Morefield closed the meeting at 8:40 PM with prayer.

Paul Weatherford
Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator