

**Session Minutes**  
**Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**April 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Gashland EPC Session was held on April 8th at 6:36PM 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 6:36 PM after confirming a quorum.

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

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

**C. PASTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Pastor Cable reported that he would preach on Sunday and then be off for three weeks, returning on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Pastor Cable shared that he has been lots of hurting people in the last year dealing with depression, emotional problems and has been making counseling referrals.
3. Pastor Cable reported that Michael Morefield will host the upcoming Elder fellowship time on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Pastor Morefield led the Session in a time of prayer for Ritchey and his upcoming ministry opportunity to film "The Author" movie.

**D. BUSINESS REPORTS and DISCUSSION**

1. Old Business
  - a. Adjustment to Church Membership Roll – Pastor Morefield reported the following Church Membership Roll adjustments effective April 8, 2021 as approved by Session:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Action</u>
Don Butterfield	Removed – Deceased
Don Kuenzi	Removed – Deceased
Sarah Burgen	Removed – Transferred Membership
Julies Darby	Removed – Moved out of State
Courtney Taylor	Removed – Transfer membership/moved out of State

- b. Church Website Development – Tom Clapham provided an update on this project. He has met with the Team working on this and offered his input and expertise. He encouraged each Ministry Team leader to meet with the website work group to explore how their ministry area can take advantage of the website design to foster ministry in their area of responsibility. He also provided a mock-up screen of a possible web-view of the new website.
  2. New Business
    - a. Function and Role of Elders – Mark Lancaster led a discussion of the function and role of the Elders on the Session. The primary roles are ministry of the Word, prayer, and under-shepherding. Elders were encouraged to focus on these areas when providing spiritual leadership to the congregation. Mark led a time of prayer for spiritual insight and integrity for the Elders as they carry these roles in the church.
    - b. Team Meeting Protocol – Mark Lancaster reminded each ministry team to send approved meeting notes to [approvedminutes@gashland.org](mailto:approvedminutes@gashland.org) so minutes can be archived. Mark will update email list for all ministry teams upon notification of any changes. The Coordinating Team will discuss the need for the Deacons to receive copies of approved minutes from each ministry team.

c. Nominating Team - The Coordinating Team will examine the composition and function of this Team with a goal to have Church officer nominations and election earlier in the year so training and installation can occur in time for service to begin the first of the new year.

3. Team Reports

a. Worship Team – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, sunrise, and Easter Services were well received. The search continues for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Service worship leader. The interim leader has agreed to serve until the middle of June.

b. Outreach Team – A one day summer camp for youth will be held in June. The basketball goal has been fixed. Hillcrest Hope will have a new GEPC sponsored resident later in the month.

c. Relationship Team – A church-wide fellowship event is planned for May 8th.

d. Discipleship Team – No report for this month.

e. Coordinating Team – The City COVID emergency order expires May 1st. The Team will issue new guidance for the church in this area. The coffee fellowship time is being phased back in. All employee evaluations have been completed.

4. Clerk's Report –

a. Minutes from the March 2021 Session Meeting were reviewed and approved.

b. The next Session meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via ZOOM and in person.

c. The Session approved the 2021 GEPC Audit Team as recommended by the Finance Team. That approval was communicated to the Finance Team and Audit Team via email from the Clerk.

d. Mike Zachary will attend the April 20<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting via ZOOM. The log in credentials were forwarded to Elder Zachary.

e. Session was informed of the EPC General Session Meeting dates, registration, and certification deadlines.

f. Playground Equipment Announcement – On April 15, 2021 Pastor Morefield initiated an email vote from Session to approve making an announcement at Sunday morning worship services on April 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the approved purchase and upcoming installation of playground equipment. Part of the announcement included an appeal to ask for donations from the congregation to help fund some of the expenses for site preparation and fencing that was not included in the equipment purchase. Seven Elders responded in the affirmative to approve the announcement. Two Elders did not respond.

E. **CONSENT REPORTS**

1. The Deacons Meeting Minutes for March 2021 were received by Session.

2. The Finance Team Report for April 2021 was received by Session.

F. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was moved for adjournment by Mike Zachary, second by Jeff Van Der Weele with unanimous consent. Pastor Cable closed the meeting at 8:45 PM with prayer.

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Paul Weatherford  
Clerk of Session

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Pastor Ritchey Cable  
Moderator