

Gashland EPC Session Minutes

for June 15, 2021

Those present: Pastors Cable and Morefield, Derek Williams, Tom Clapham, Ron Wilson, Mike Zachary, Dallas Reeve, Mark Lancaster, Don Vande Polder, clerk pro-tem Jeff Van Der Weele,

Excused: Aaron Kleinmeyer.

The meeting opened at 6:40 P.M.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Pastors' Reports:

1. There was a deacons' meeting this evening.
2. Interviews are being held for one to serve as second service worship leader and a communication position. Steve and Naomi will continue to lead worship in the second service through June.
3. Neither pastor will be able to attend General Assembly.
4. Aaron and Peter are working on the nomination process. Materials were distributed concerning value stream, selection process and timeline. There will need to be a special congregational meeting in August to choose a nominating team, hopefully with terms which will guarantee that there will not be a complete turn-over of the team at one time. The goal of the nominating team is to enable the installation of new deacons and elders on the first Sunday of January.
5. Transition meetings are being held with Caitlin. Teams are requested to send their minutes by July.
6. Rachael has completed all purchasing for the Little Lambs ministry. There are plans to host an open house for this ministry.
7. Break Away had seventy children in attendance. Things went well. It was a time of blessings. Bibles were distributed to the children attending. Ritchie gave a prayer for the spiritual well-being of these children.

Old Business:

1. Michael encouraged continuation of prayer and communication from the elders to their various under-shepherding groups. Hosts for elder get-togethers included Mark for June, Ron for August and Ritchie for September. If there is an expressed need from an under-shepherding group member, the Mercy Team is available to offer help.
2. Tom presented a leadership team list. An abbreviated version of such could be shared on the web site and/or included in the annual report. This tool provides a complete picture of the church organization. There was a discussion about the tasks of those involved in planning weddings.

Amos Property Drainage Project:

"Delegate to Property Team negotiating responsibility with City of Kansas City for Amos property drainage which may include 1) sale of a portion of Amos property to City, or 2) permanent easement to City, or neither." This motion was approved without dissent.

New Business:

1. A man recently attended worship with a gun on his person. When he was asked to remove the clip from the gun, he did so. There was discussion regarding state law and the role of the session and the security team. Previous session minutes regarding guns will be examined in regard to this issue.

2. There was discussion regarding organization and access of church documents. The Coordinating team will look into this matter.

3. Appreciation of Morning Devotions was given. There was also a concern, though, of frustration which develops when the devotions start late and there is an uncertainty as to whether or not they will be on that day.

Team reports:

1. Worship: The upcoming worship theme will be the first six chapters of the book of Daniel, taking two weeks for each chapter.

2. Outreach: There is a desire for some additional people to serve on the team. The toilet paper drive for City Union Mission went well. Dallas gave a presentation on the Dave Ramsey ministry.

3. Relationship: Brittany Cole is a new member of the team. Dave Ramsey was also discussed by this team.

4. Discipleship had no report.

5. Coordinating: Those who are vaccinated do not need to wear masks in church. "Safe" areas are made available in each worship center for those who desire them. More people are attending in-site services than was previously noticed. Communion may return to our previous method in September.

Clerk's Report: The previous minutes were approved. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

Finance: There have been less offering receipts than last year.

The motion to adjourn was given by Don and seconded by Tom and approved.

Mark closed with prayer at 8:18.