

Session Minutes
Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
September 9, 2021

A meeting of the Gashland EPC Session was held on September 9, 2021, at 6:38 PM 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-E	Tom Clapham-P	Dallas Reeve-P
	Derek Williams-P	Ron Wilson-P	Mark Lancaster-P
	Jeff VanDerWeele-P	Mike Zachary-P	Don Vande Polder-P

Pastor Michael Morefield was also in attendance.

Moderator: Pastor Ritchey Cable called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM after confirming a quorum.

A. PRAYER: Pastor Cable opened the meeting with prayer.

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

C. PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Pastor Cable gave a report on the Nominating Committee member progress. Discussion was held as to when a church meeting could be held so that the congregation could vote on the Nominating Committee. Jeff VanderWeele made a motion to add Earl Donalson to the Nominating Committee list. Dallas Reeve seconded the motion. Ron Wilson also made a motion, with Dallas Reeve seconding, to hold a church meeting on September 19, 2021. Those individuals who have accepted positions for the Nominating Committee are:

Bob Williams	Paula Willis	Tom Crossett
Earl Donalson	Jim Lorenzetti-Deacon	Larry Anderson-Deacon
Aaron Kleinmeyer- Elder	Mike Zachary-Elder	Pastor Ritchey Cable

2. Pastor Ritchey discussed Elders and Deacons and who are scheduled to cycle off:

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Aaron Kleinmeyer	Jim Lorenzetti
Jeff VanDerWeele	Marion Lynn
Derek Williams	Rob Stegeman

3. Pastor Cable discussed the impact of Covid and how it has affected our congregation. As a result, he feels the congregation is in need of a reset. On September 12, 2021, Ritchey will offer a challenge to the congregation in the form of self- guided devotionals focusing upon Luke 2: 52. This challenge will last from September 19, 2021, until Christmas.
4. Pastor Cable has been working with associate, Ellie Brown, in bringing on a new Gashland website. Pastor Ritchey would like to move away from the current, antiquated, website by September 14, 2021, and move to the new version. Pastor Ritchey would like individual team meetings to include a discussion on what additional items are needed for their teams on the new website.
5. Pastor Morefield reported on an electronic drop box, now available, which can be used to store team history documents which will assist new Elders and Deacons. Additionally, a monthly

calendar has been established so that we may coordinate timing of annual processes near the same date each year.

6. Pastor Morefield reminded Session of the continued need to reach out to our Undershepharding groups to determine how we might pray for them. Separate from our Session meetings, a monthly Elder meeting is held at the church or at an Elder's house so that we discuss in-depth our Undershepharding group needs. For the month of September, Don Vande Polder will be the hosting Elder.

D. BUSINESS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Ron Wilson met with the Finance Team in order to explain the Session's decision of moving \$15,000 from the Memorial Fund to cash available for operations in order to be applied to offset
2. Team reports have not been flowing on a timely basis to the session member during the Covid period. As we go to our next team meetings, Elders will discuss and encourage timeliness to be brought in line. At the next Session meeting, we will revisit to see if we have improved.
3. Team Reports
 - a. Outreach Team - The Outreach Team has added 2 new members in Lillian Brink and Robin Brown. Outreach will also be adding the Global Orphan Project to its group of Outreach efforts in 2022.
 - b. Relationship Team – The Relationship Team will be starting the Dave Ramsey program within our church family. In the future, we may offer this program to the community. Additionally, the Relationship Team is handing out pamphlets to learn of interest held by Men. The goal is to collect this information and then match men with other men who have similar interests.
 - c. Coordinating Team - The Coordinating Team gave its report on Covid protocols. The team will continue to recommend face masks and physical distancing. Each is recommended, but not mandatory.
 - d. Clerk's Report
 - a. Minutes from the August 2021 Session meeting were reviewed and approved.
 - b. The next Session meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

E. CONSENT REPORTS

1. The Finance Team report for August was received by Session.

- #### **F. ADJOURNMENT**
- The meeting was moved for adjournment by Don Vande Polder and seconded by Dallas Reeve. Pastor Morefield closed the meeting at 8:41PM.

Mike Zachary
Elder

Pastor Ritchey Cable
Moderator