



GASHLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2022  
MINUTES

| <b><u>Ruling Elders Present:</u></b> | <b><u>Class of 2022</u></b>               | <b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>    | <b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>                  |
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|                                      | Tom Clapham<br>Mike Zachary<br>Ron Wilson | Mark Lancaster<br>Dallas Reeve | Tom Crossett<br>Jim Langford<br>Dave Wiersma |

Excused: .....Don Vande Polder

**Teaching Elders Present:** Pastor Cable, Pastor Morefield

- I. **Opening prayer:** A quorum was determined present; Pastor Cable called the meeting to order, and Dave Weirsma opened with prayer at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda:**  
Motion was made to adopt the agenda as written. Agenda was adopted as written.
- III. **Pastor's Reports:**
  - A. Senior Pastor: Pastor Cable reported the following items.

The next "Getting to Know Gashland" class has started and there have been approximately 15 people attending. Ministry team members will be invited over the next several weeks to come and explain what the various teams do. Pastor Cable was in Pittsburg last week for a Presbytery Church Health Committee meeting. Presbytery has selected Pastor Cable as Church Health Coordinator, which includes a \$1,000 per month stipend.
  - B. Associate Pastor: Pastor Morefield reported the following items. Oct. 30 is the Abide class kick-off for young adults. Coffee for second service will be available in the south lobby, as an effort to promote fellowship and gathering. Pastor Morefield provided a handout and initiated a discussion on church planting. (Pastor Cable supported this idea and suggested an "audit" to review current missions supported. Pastor Morefield also advised of Lake McGinty beginning to pursue a Pastoral Ministry education and raised the idea (and provided a verbal description) of Lake doing a non-paid pastoral internship at GEPC. Dallas Reeve made a Motion to approve Lake as a non-paid pastoral intern at GEPC. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Subsequent to discussion and approval of the motion, it was agreed Pastor Morefield would meet with Lake and they would develop terms, time period, responsibilities, etc., in written form to be provided to session.



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IV. **Calendar Items:**

A. Nominating:

1. Last day to receive names of potential candidates is Oct. 23.
2. Candidate names, for information, will be provided to elders on Oct. 24.
3. Two deacons and two elders are needed.
4. The congregational meeting to elect officers is scheduled for Dec. 11.
5. Installation of officers is scheduled for either Jan. 1 or Jan. 8.

B. Budgets from all ministry teams should be turned in to finance by end of October.

V. **Business Reports and Discussion:**

A. Old business - None

B. New Business: Little Lambs Ministry – How to meet spiritual needs of young families. Ron Wilson noted that there is no nursery (Little Lambs) service during the early service and inquired as to why that is. Discussion led to the matter of difficulty finding and shortage of volunteers to staff the nursery. It was noted it is note the Little Lambs Ministry Director's role to necessarily work in the nursery on Sunday mornings, bur more so to oversee the Little Lambs ministry as a whole.

C. Team Reports: For those teams that met since the last session meeting, reports were provided by email distribution of meeting minutes.

1. Worship Team: Pastor Cable advised Communion will soon be reinstated in the same manner it was prior to COVID-19. Gluten-free bread/wafers will still be provided. Training for elders and deacons, to serve communion, is needed and will occur in November.
2. Outreach Team: Team meeting time has been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Two new team members may possibly join the team. Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for Oct. 29.
3. Relationships Team: The Fall Festival is Saturday, 10/15, at 5:00 p.m. A Thanksgiving meal is being planned. Christmas caroling may be on a



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Wednesday night this year. The team has an idea of a “friendship partner” for people attending the new members/Getting to know Gashland class.

4. Discipleship Team: In 2023, emphasis will be Service. The team is looking at volunteer opportunities and how those opportunities are made known to the congregation.
5. Coordinating Team: Did not meet since last session meeting, but they have a sub-team reviewing the Facility Use request form and process, and for a way to assist/support the office administrator in reviewing the requests.

D. Clerk's Report

1. Review and approval of September session minutes. Approved as written.
2. Next Session Meeting: November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

E. Consent Report

1. Deacon's Report: Not received.
2. Financial Report: Recieved

VI. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Mike Zachary made a **Motion to Adjourn**, which was seconded by Dallas Reeve. Voice vote was held, and **Motion was approved unanimously**. Pastor Cable offered a closing prayer at 8:15 p.m.