



GASHLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
MINUTES

<u>Ruling Elders Present:</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
	Mark Lancaster	Tom Crossett	Mike Brink
	Dallas Reeve		Tom Clapham
	Don Vande Polder		Bob Williams

Excused: Jim Langford
Dave Wiersma

Teaching Elders Present: Pastors Morefield & Cable

- I. **Opening prayer:** A quorum was determined present; Pastor Morefield called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda as written with the addition of Undershepherding Roles update in Old Business. Motion passed.
- III. **Pastor's Reports:**
 - A. Senior Pastor: Pastor Cable remarked on follow up of the congregational meeting. The hospitality line item for pastors needs to be more clearly defined. Pastor Cable will work with Coordinating team to develop a clear definition. The use of memorial funds and definition of "memorial" was also discussed. Mark Lancaster made a motion to select 2 elders to develop a first draft for the definition of "Memorial" and the use of memorial funds, for review at the next session meeting. Mike Brink seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and the motion passed with all in favor with the exception of one abstention by Bob Williams. Mike Brink and Mark Lancaster were voted on and approved as the two elders to develop the first draft, with Pastor Cable included ex officio. Pastor Cable also provided a brief follow up report on the recent Presbytery meeting held at GEPC on Jan. 27 & 28. The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for April 26th in Columbia, MO.
Regarding the debt elimination campaign, there is still money being given above the debt amount. There will need to be a process determined as to how to administer the use of these additional funds for the capital projects.
 - B. Associate Pastor: No report
- IV. **Calendar Items:**
 - A. Annual Report to EPC by End of February- Kathy Welch will start the report. Report will be submitted by the Clerk of session.



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V. Business Reports and Discussion:

A. Old Business:

1. Undershepherding Roles Update: The updated groups list was provided by Pastor Morefield. Mark Lancaster made a motion to accept the list. Second by Dallas Reeve. Voice vote was held, and motion passed. New elders Mike Brink and Bob Williams, along with Dave Wiersma, will review and coordinate new groups based on the groups of the two previous elders whose terms expired plus Dave's current group.

B. New Business:

1. Congregational Meeting time consideration – Tom Crossett
Discussion occurred on the issue of the meeting time for Congregational meetings. The issue is that it is difficult for many to return for a congregational meeting held after the 11:00 Sunday morning worship service. Several ideas were discussed. No consensus or solution was determined. The issue will be addressed at the August session meeting.
2. Letter from Lisa Miller, re: women in isolation within our congregation.
Discussion led to the idea of inviting Lisa and mercy deacons to the next session meeting for more in depth discussion to determine ministry in this area. The Clerk will invite Lisa and mercy deacons to the next session meeting.

C. Team Reports

1. Worship team is getting quotes for new sound equipment. A pew that is in poor condition, in the sanctuary, may be removed.
2. Outreach Team: For the mission committee, Bob Williams, Tom Crossett Dale Anderson, Caleb Mason and Pastor Morefield reviewed the missions budget and made some changes, and are in the process of evaluating policies and procedures, as well as currently supported missionaries.
3. Relationships Team: A game night is scheduled. The idea of host friends for new members is being discussed and considered as an idea to develop.
4. Discipleship Team: The team is highlighting different ministry teams monthly and is considering having ministry team members speak and/or give testimonies, at Conversations.



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5. Coordinating Team: Met Feb. 2. Meeting minutes were distributed to deacons and session.

D. Clerk's Report

1. January 2023 session minutes were not yet available for approval.
2. Officer elections: Corporation officers need to be elected. Nominated were Don Vande Polder (president), Mike Brink (vice president) and Tom Clapham (clerk). A voice vote was held and those nominated were voted on and approved for the noted positions.
3. Next Session Meeting: Mar.9, at 6:30 p.m.

E. Consent Reports

1. Deacon's Report: Submitted by email.
2. Financial Report: Not yet available

VI. Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Don Vande Polder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dallas Reeve. Motion passed. Pastor Cable closed the meeting with prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Tom Clapham, Clerk of Session

Pastor Ritchey Cable, Moderator