



GASHLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING
JUNE 8, 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	Jim Langford	Tom Clapham
	Don Vande Polder	Dave Wiersma	Bob Williams

Teaching Elders Present: Pastors Cable

- I. **Opening prayer:** A quorum was determined present; Pastor Cable called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:33 p.m.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda as written, with the exception of adding two New Business items. 1) Meeting Length and 2) Articles of Agreement update. A voice vote was held and the agenda was accepted with the addition of these two items.
- III. **Pastor's Reports:**
 - A. Senior Pastor: A motion from Worship team was received, to purchase new sound equipment for the ministry center, in the amount of \$33,388. This includes the equipment, labor to install and lift rental, to funded from Capital Improvement Fund (carryover from debt elimination campaign). The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Associate Pastor: No report.
- IV. **Calendar Items:** None.
- V. **Business Reports and Discussion:**
 - A. Old Business
 1. Pastor Search Committee. Pastor Cable appointed Don Vande Polder and moderator and then excused himself from the remainder of the meeting. A motion was made by Dallas Reeve to have Search Committee consisting of 7 to 9 members, including 2 elders, one deacon. Mark Lancaster seconded the motion. After discussion a voice vote was held and the motion passed.
 2. Additional discussion regarding the Search Committee included developing a slate of candidates, announcements to the congregation on 6/18 and 6/25, how to receive nominees from the congregation, and survey for to made available to the congregation, the results of which would be used in the search process. A motion was made by Don Vande Polder to hold a congregational meeting to elect the Search Committee on July 16th after the 11:00 service and was seconded by Mark Lancaster. Motion passed.



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- B. New Business: (These items were addressed prior to the Old Business items while Pastor Cable was still present)
 - 1. Meeting Length. The idea was presented to limit session meeting length to one hour. Discussion took place and the idea was not moved. No action taken.
 - 2. Articles of Agreement update. The revised/updated Articles of Agreement have been signed by the Session/Trustee officers and will be filed with the county. Attorney's fees were approximately \$1700.
- C. Team Reports
 - 1. Worship team: See Sr. Pastor's report.
 - 2. Outreach Team: One person is currently living in the Amos house per the ATP (A Turning Point) program.
 - 3. Relationships Team: An all-church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, after the 11:00 service.
 - 4. Discipleship Team: The Breakaway summer program is going well, with almost 100 children attending.
 - 5. Coordinating Team: Have had discussions regarding worship services and styles for both Sunday morning services.
- D. Clerk's Report
 - 1. Review and approval of the May Session meeting minutes. Accepted as written.
 - 2. Next Session Meeting: June 8, at 6:30 p.m.
- E. Consent Reports
 - 1. Deacon's Report: Received
 - 2. Financial Report: Received.

VI. Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Don Vande Polder entertained a motion to adjourn, so moved by Tom Crossett and seconded by Dave Wiersma. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed. The meeting was closed with prayer by Don Vande Polder at 8:55 p.m.