



GASHLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING
APRIL 11, 2024
MINUTES

<u>Ruling Elders Present:</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Crossett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Brink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Blakley
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Langford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Clapham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethan Funk
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Wiersma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson

Teaching Elders Present: Pastor Michael Morefield

- I. **Opening prayer:** Pastor Morefield, after a quorum was determined, opened the meeting with prayer, at 6:31 p.m.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda:** Item #6, Executive session, was added under New Business. The agenda was adopted as amended.
- III. **Review/Approval of Previous Session Meeting Minutes:**
Mar. 14 Session Meeting minutes were accepted and approved as written.
- IV. **Pastor's Report:**
 - A. Senior Pastor
 1. Pastor Morefield's installation service is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at 10 a.m., which will be a single combined service. Others taking part in the service include Dave Robinson (TE), Jay McGee (RE from St. Joeseeph), Ritchey Cable (TE), Mike Brink (RE) and Mark Blakley (RE).
 2. General Assembly registration is open. After May 15 the cost increases. Dates are June 18-20. Two RE as commissioners, may attend.
 3. Request for session approval, re: BSF. BSF will be doing a study of Revelations in the fall, as a history/pre-millennial view. Dave Wiersma made a motion to approve this study, Tom Crossett seconded. A voice vote was held and the motion passed.
 4. Presbytery update. Pastor Morefield provided an update regarding Memorial Church, who has requested to join our presbytery. There are issues which will be studied by the presbytery, which may take up to a year.
- V. **Calendar Items:**
 - A. April Presbytery meeting. April 24th. Dave Wiersma and Ethan Funk will be attending as Ruling Elders, along with Pastor Morefield.
- VI. **Business Reports and Discussion:**
 - A. Old Business:
 1. Black painted wall – Session request to repaint: The request stands. Beautification team has been informed previously of the request.



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2. Tech Team/Network Upgrade: No update. Pastor Morefield will inquire about bid information, with Chris Stackpole. Tom Crossett moved to create a Tech Team, seconded by Jim Langford. Ethan Funk made a friendly amendment to engage the deacons first to determine where the Tech Team would reside organizationally, either independently or under the deacons/Property team. Jim Langford seconded the friendly amendment. The amendment passed, by voice vote. After further discussion, a voice vote was held, regarding the creation of a Tech Team. A voice vote was held and the motion passed.

B. New Business

1. Outreach Ministry Team Structure: Bob Williams advised, with Caleb Mason's upcoming departure, there is no way to execute the vision which Caleb started. This discussion was just to create awareness of this issue, and Bob would like to discuss further at the May session meeting.
2. Student Ministries Search Committee: Tom Crossett made a motion, that session commission Pastor Morefield and Mark Blakley to start the search committee for a new Student Ministry Director. Ethan Funk seconded the motion. After discussion, a voice vote was held and the motion passed.
3. Children's Ministries Interim Leader: Nicole Moncada, currently the Little Lambs Ministry Director, is willing and interested to transition to and serve as the Childrens Ministry Director as an interim position. An interim staff member will be needed for the Little Lambs Ministry. Steve Moberg (member of Coordinating team/HR) and Dave Wiersma will determine the compensation level for the Interim Childrens Ministry Director position.
4. GEPC Leave Policy – Draft: Tabled. Session will continue to review.
5. Audit Team Request: The audit team has discovered an accounting and processing discrepancy with bonuses paid to pastors. Audit team is advised to note this issue in the audit and make recommendations.
6. Executive session: Tom Crossett moved to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Bob Williams. A voice vote was held and the motion passed, at 8:16 p.m. Ethan Funk made a motion to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Tom Crossett. A voice vote was held and the motion passed. 9:38 p.m.



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- C. Team Reports: High level/brief reports were provided by the ministry team elders.
1. Worship
 - a) 1st Quarter shut-in communion
 2. Outreach
 3. Relationships
 4. Discipleship
 5. Coordinating
- D. Clerk's Report
1. Next Session Meeting:
 - Called Meeting, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Regular monthly meeting, May 9, 6:30 p.m.
 2. Presbytery April mtg., Apr. 24, The Crossing
- E. Consent Reports
1. Deacon's Report: Noted.
 2. Financial Report: Received.
- VII. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**
- Mark Blakley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Williams. Motion passed.
- Pastor Morefield closed the meeting in prayer at 9:50 p.m.