

GASHLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING

June 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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| <u>Ruling Elders Present:</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Class of 2027</u> |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Brink | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Blakley | <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Cooper |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Clapham | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethan Funk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin Ewing |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Kleinmeyer |
| Excused: Barry Cooper, Ethan Funk | | | |

Teaching Elders Present: ☒ Senior Pastor - Michael Morefield
☒ Assistant Pastor of Community - Josh Lee

I. **Opening prayer:** After a quorum was determined, Pastor Morefield opened the meeting with prayer at 6:35 p.m.

II. **Adoption of Agenda:**

- A. Amendment: Add item IV. A. 4. New members
- B. Amendment: Add item VI. B. 5. Interim Worship Leaders

Agenda was adopted as amended.

III. **Review/Approval of Previous Session Meeting Minutes:**

May Session Meeting Minutes of 5/8/2025 – Approved as written.

Congregational Meeting Minutes of 5/18/2025 - Approved as written.

IV. **Pastor's Report:**

A. Senior Pastor: See also agenda packet notes, provided by email on June 4th.

- 1. Hymnal Update: Mary Beth Griesel has approved the use of Don's memorial fund for hymnal purchase.

Mark Blakley made a motion to use \$5400 of Don Griesel memorial funds to purchase new hymnals (The Trinity Hymnal). Seconded by Mike Brink.
Motion passed.

- 2. Alliance Defending Freedom Update (policies review): An update is expected near the end of June. David Wharton has inquired as to the status of the review. Tom Clapham, as secretary will respond to David Wharton.
- 3. Rebrand Update: Website update is approximately 80% complete. There may be additional need for way-finding signage and a south parking lot entrance sign.

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4. New Members who have completed the recent “Getting to know Gashland” class and who would like to become members:

Tom & Nancy Huber

Jim & Janna Powell

Kristin Lee

Bob Williams made a motion to approve the people listed above, to be received as new members. Justin Ewing seconded. Motion carried.

B. Assistant Pastor of Community:

1. Children’s Ministries Search Committee Update: Josh Lee provided an update on the search.

V. **Calendar Items:**

A. Nominating Process (begins in July)

Mark Blakley made a motion to elect a second elder, Justin Ewing, to the nominating committee. (Mike Brink is currently on the committee). Aaron Kleinmeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. **Business Reports and Discussion:**

A. Old Business:

1. Preschool consideration – Aaron Kleinmeyer provided an update on some research completed and information obtained regarding the opening/operation of a preschool. Laura Cooper has expressed interest in being involved with administration.
2. Social media & Website Admin. – Part-time Position- Update
Barry Cooper is leading this initiative, to develop the position description and lead the search effort.

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B. New Business

1. Facility Manager help

Justin Ewing made a motion for session to approve Coordinating team to hire an interim facility manager. Bob Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Capital Campaign Funds for Lobby Improvements

Mark Blakley provided information on the cost and potential options to replace the carpet in the upper and lower lobbies. Additional areas, (Hallways. Etc.) were also discussed, for the idea continuity of new carpet. No action taken at this time.

3. Missions Team Oversight

Mike Brink made a motion to move oversight of the Missions Committee from Outreach directly to session, on an interim basis to be evaluated at the end of the year, as a permanent change, and appoint Ethan Funk as chair of the Missions Team. Mark Johnson seconded the motion. After discussion and vote, the motion carried.

4. Projector Issues/Needs

Pastor Morefield provided cost information and options to replace a projector in the Ministry Center. The current projectors are 14 years old. No action taken at this time.

5. Interim Worship Leaders: Current interim worship leaders are doing well.

There is an upcoming plan to post these job descriptions on the website and begin the search.

C. Team Reports – Refer to team reports distributed by email.

D. Clerk's Report

1. Next Session Meeting: July 10, 6:30 p.m.

E. Consent Reports

1. Deacon's Report:
2. Financial Report: April Report received May 16. May Report received June

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VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Motion to Adjourn by: Aaron Kleinmeyer

Second: Bob Williams

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed

Closing Prayer: Josh Lee

Time: 8:36 p.m.