

GASHLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING
March 13, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

Ruling Elders Present:

Class of 2025

☒ Mike Brink
☒ Tom Clapham
☒ Bob Williams

Class of 2026

☒ Mark Blakley
☒ Ethan Funk
☐ Mark Johnson

Class of 2027

☒ Barry Cooper
☒ Justin Ewing
☒ Aaron Kleinmeyer

Excused: Mark Johnson

Teaching Elders Present: ☒ Pastor Michael Morefield (Moderator)
☒ Assistant Pastor of Community Josh Lee

- I. **Opening prayer:** After a quorum was confirmed, Pastor Morefield opened the meeting with prayer at 6:33 p.m.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted as written.
- III. **Review/Approval of Previous Session Meeting Minutes:**
February Session Meeting Minutes – Approved as written.
- IV. **Pastor's Report:**
 - A. Senior Pastor: Pastor Morefield reported...
 1. Rebrand
 - a. Phase 1 – Graphics, completed.
 - b. Phase 2 – Website & Signage, will be starting soon. Plan to have complete by Aug./early fall.
 2. Request permission to consider new position – a part-time (5-10 hours per week) Admin position to support Kathy Welch and focus on social media/website. Permission given by session.
 - B. Assistant Pastor of Community: Pastor Lee reported...
 1. The "Sent" groups are going well.
 2. "Beta" discipleship groups have been formed. Plan is to launch in the fall.
- V. **Calendar Items:** None.

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VI. Business Reports and Discussion:

A. Old Business:

1. ADF Document review – update, bylaws discussion
Pastor Morefield gave an update, stating process of collecting documents to be reviewed is in process.
2. Memorial Presbyterian Church
Mark Blakley moved that GEPC session take the official position that Memorial Presbyterian Church (St. Louis, MO) should not be allowed to join Mid-America Presbytery or the EPC. Ethan Funked seconded. Discussion occurred. Motion passed.

B. New Business

1. Communion
Pastor Morefield gave a brief history and explanation on the meaning and symbolism of the components of communion, along with a four page document, in support of the idea to for GEPC to change from intinction to receiving the elements separately and taking them in unity. Justin Ewing made a motion to change from intinction to partaking of the elements separately, and together in unison. Aaron Kleinmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Restrict Session Meeting Time
Mark Blakley made a motion to limit monthly session meetings to two hours. Second by Barry Cooper. Discussion occurred. Motion passed.
3. Discipleship Pathways
General discussion occurred on what this will look like and how it may work.
4. Ministry Team Meeting Night
Brief discussion was held. Ethan Funk Moved to table, seconded by Mark Blakley. Motion Passed.
5. Coordinating Team Responsibilities
Brief discussion was held. Due to time constraints, the topic was tabled, to be resumed at the April meeting.

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C. Team Reports: Brief team reports were provided by elder team leaders.

1. Worship
2. Outreach
3. Relationships
4. Discipleship
5. Coordinating

D. Clerk's Report

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

E. Consent Reports

1. Deacon's Report: Feb. meeting minutes were received Feb. 18.
2. Financial Report: Feb. report was not available as of this meeting date.
Subsequently received March 18.

VII. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Mark Blakley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barry Cooper. Motion passed. Pastor Morefield closed the meeting with prayer.