

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIG SANDY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 22, 2025
“Through grace we grow, share and spread God love.”

On January 22, 2025, Todd Streeter called the Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members of the Council present included: Lynette Mass, Liz Eddy, Bev Streeter, Todd Streeter, Lorelie Robinson, and Lynne Jacobs

Opening Prayer

Opening Devotion: Pastor Lorelie

Approve Agenda Liz made a motion to approve the given agenda with the following additions: Future – Call Committee, Cleaning, Darlow plowing, Building Use Request and Project Request.

Second by Bev. Motion passed

Election of Officers (1 year terms)

1. Vice President - Todd Streeter Motion made by Lynette, seconded by Liz. Motion passed.
2. Secretary -Lynne Jacobs Motion made by Liz, seconded by Lynette. Motion passed.
3. President – Len Flesher Motion made by Lynette, seconded by Bev. Motion passed.

Correspondence/Announcements-

Action between Meetings: donation of \$250 to St. Croix Hospice on behalf of Pastor Erika. Approved unanimously.

Review and Approve minutes of last meeting: Bev made a motion to approve the minutes from November. Second by Lynette. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report Liz made a motion to approve the November treasurer’s report. Second by Lynette. Lynette made a motion to approve the December treasurer’s report. Seconded by Liz. Motion passed. Giving over the past three years was reviewed to establish trends.

Pastor’s Report

- The third Sunday of the month will include liturgy from Red Worship Book.
- Pastor Vacation March 3- 16
- Ash Wednesday – March 5
- Lenten Service and Supper
- Maundy Thursday – April 17 6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday – April 18 6:30 p.m.
- Easter April 20

Team Reports:

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Worship & Ash Wednesday – Dick and Sandy to conduct while Pastor Lorelie is on vacation (No meal)

Building & Property - Total numbers for north wall. Budgeted \$25,000 and the final expenses are anticipated to be under \$20,000. Report expected next month.

Unfinished items:

1. Policies – Policies go back to 2010 and it’s time to revise with current situations. A motion was made by Bev to nullify all policies and complete by annual meeting 2025. The recommendation is to get a start fresh. Seconded by Liz.
2. Tree Removal – We have a contractor to remove the tree by the cemetery. Jesse Rian \$1200 bid.
3. Funeral Coordinator/Event Coordinator- Need to find someone that would be in charge of church use. Decided to wait until Pam returns.
4. Sign – Waiting other options.

New Items:

1. Audit – Lynette, Terry, Jaime and Kendra to complete the audit.
2. Installation of new Council – February 2, 2025.
3. Personnel Team – tabled until next meeting.
4. Darlow Plowing-Concerns of showing up late on a Sunday.
5. Building Use Request – Pine Insurance would like to hold a Medicare meeting at Grace. This was previously approved by council as an educational event when they were unable to provide the meeting.
6. Project Request – Wanes coating on the base of walls for fellowship area, coat rack and nursery, and paint upper part of the walls. Referred to Building and Property.
7. Cleaning – Lynne made a motion to reimburse to give Lois Christensen \$90 for cleaning for an outside group. The dollar amount was determined by the group’s donation. Lynette seconded. Motion passed.
8. Call Committee - In approximately 2.5 years Pastor Lorelie will fulfill her contract. For council to discuss the future.

Devotion for February: Dick

Lord’s Prayer

Adjourn Adjournment at 8:09 p.m.