

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIG SANDY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 19, 2025  
“Through grace we grow, share and spread God love.”

On February 19, 2025, Len Flesher called the Council meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Members of the Council present included: Liz Eddy, Bev Streeter, Todd Streeter, Jon Napoli, Len Flesher, Dick Rhode, Lorelie Robinson, and Lynne Jacobs

Opening Prayer:

Opening Devotion: Dick

Approve Agenda Todd made a motion to approve the given agenda with the following additions. Easter Egg Hunt, Piano in Log Church, Bread Breakers Second by Liz. Motion passed

Correspondence/Announcements

Review and Approve minutes of last meeting Liz made a motion to approve the minutes from November with the following additions. Second by Bev. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report Dick made a motion to approve the treasurer's report Second by Liz . Motion passed. Giving was reviewed over the past three years this will be added to treasurer's report. We will add the previous monthly giving to bulletin.

Pastor's Report

- Confirmation – Beth Braun is willing to work with students to complete mural for Faith Projects.
- Lent services coming up

Team Reports:

Worship and Music – Lenten Services and outdoor service will be held July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Building and Property - See New items #1

Unfinished items:

1. Tree Removal – Todd will call Jesse Rian to coordinate.
2. Policies - The following policies will be sent out for approval this week: Solicitation Policy, Wedding Policy, Funeral Policy, Cemetery Policy and Collection Policy
3. Audit – Financial Review to be conducted with Lynette overseeing.
4. Personnel Team – Len Flesher, Jon Napoli and Lynne Jacobs
5. Call Committee – Reviewed email from Aaron Deutsch email giving options for seminary students to help with Pulpit Supply. Will conduct a temple talk regarding the replacement of Lorelie in two and a half years.
6. Sign – Erin Napoli is working on the design, staining needs to be completed. Tabled until April meeting.

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New Items:

1. 2025 Building/Property projects:
  - a. Building and Property is prioritizing projects, committee to meet next week.
  - b. The back outside wall was estimated to cost \$29,740 with a \$30,000 approved budget. The final expenses came in at \$19,905.
  - c. Todd presented the costs of painting hallway & fellowship area, narthex, and cry room and putting wainscoting in fellowship area. Dick made a motion to move forward with painting hallway, fellowship area, and narthex area from endowment funds. Liz seconded with painting the bottom of chair rail in fellowship area. Total cost not to exceed \$7,000. Motion approved.  
Wainscoting was tabled.
2. Recognition – Thank you Card and flowers for Pam. She is an amazing integral part of our church.
3. Bread Breakers - Grace Women starting an opportunity to socialize with others in the congregation by gathering for a meal. The plan is start in the fall and give time for people to sign up for it.
4. Easter Egg Hunt - is being planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made for \$ 1500 dollars for this event out of youth endowment. Motion made by Dick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len. Motion carried.
5. Piano in Log Church – A motion was made to approve \$2700 for a new piano (Clavanova) in the Old Log Church by Todd and seconded by Liz. Funds to be taken from Building and Property. Motion carried.

Devotion for March: Len

Lord's Prayer

Adjourn      Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.