

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIG SANDY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 23, 2025
“Through grace we grow, share and spread God love.”

On April 23, 2025, Len Flesher called the Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Member of the Council present included: Lynette Maas, Liz Eddy, Bev Streeter, Todd Streeter, Dave Hoover, Len Flesher, Dick Rohde, Lorelie Robinson, and Lynne Jacobs

Opening Prayer:

Opening Devotion: Dave

Approve Agenda Bev made a motion to approve the given agenda with the following additions. Second by Dave . Motion passed

Correspondence/Announcements

Action between Meetings: A motion was made to spend up to \$3200 for the removal of two large red oaks (one by the bell tower and one east of reformation hall). Motion passed

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

Treasurer's Report Lynette made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Liz . Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

- Confirmation started on Luther's Small Catechism
- Attendance
 - Lenten (average about 25)
 - Maundy Thursday – 25
 - Good Friday – 34
 - Easter – 145
 - Roller cart for Clavinova ?
 - VBS June 22-26
 - Pastor Vacation – July 4 – July 12
 - 2 Baptisms upcoming
 - Augustana District Ambassador visit scheduling sometime in June

Team Reports:

Worship & Music Committee – Choose date of Outdoor Service.

Music set through June.

Building and Property see under New Items below.

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Cemetery Report – nothing to report.

Unfinished items:

1. Oak tree removals are scheduled. Will ask Jesse Rian to take down Jack Pine in parsonage lot.
2. Parsonage - Filters are being replaced every two weeks and they are black. The thought is the duct work needs to be cleaned.
3. Sign - Liz moves to accept version 3 of sign design. Dave seconded and motion passes.
4. Financial Review – Recommendation to have 1 to 2 people designated for contact with treasurer. President and Vice President will be the contact. Council reviewed report of financial review. A motion to accept the financial review by Lynne, Liz seconded, motion passes.
5. Funeral/Wedding Coordinator – Lynette will develop a job description with Pastor and Pam.

New Items:

1. Food Shelf – Proposal for Grace Lutheran Church to take over the McGregor Area Food Shelf. Liz made motion to approve the proposal with \$2,000 donation from Endowment fund. A separate checking account will be set up with these funds. Lynne Jacobs will be the coordinator for the McGregor Area Food Shelf. Dave seconded. Motion carried.
2. Camp Requests – A motion was made to donate actual cost up to \$500 for Christian Campership for Lilly Clayton and Malin Braun. Seconded by Dave. Motion carried
3. Building & Property Project List – Reviewed list of Walk Around Report for list of things that need to be completed.
4. Young Life Trap/Vacuum - Lynne moved to support a Grace Lutheran Team for the Trap Shoot fundraiser for \$250. Dick seconded. Motion carried. Motion to spend \$250 on a vacuum out of youth fund by Liz, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Devotion for May: Lorelie

Evening Prayer

Adjourn Adjournment at 8:48 p.m.