

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023
7:00 pm

1. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Attendance: (* = excused absence; ° = late arrival)

Becker, Edward	Mutter, Vicki	Wise, Jeff
Eisenhart, Steven *	Repa, Barbara	White, Nancy
Geiser, Scott	Rothermel, Todd *	
Gross, James	Staub, Pastor Scott	

3. Devotions

a. Pastor Scott opened the meeting with prayer.

4. Approval of Minutes from the April Regular Council Meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved: Scott Geiser motioned; Jeff Wise seconded.

5. Committee Reports: (* = report on file; ° = no meeting/no report; + = no report submitted)

a. Audit +	h. Fellowship +	o. Mutual Ministry +
b. Building Fund +	i. Finance +	p. NYG +
c. Cemetery +	j. Flutter +	q. Personnel +
d. Christian Ed +	k. Garden of Hope +	r. Property +
e. Constitution +	l. History & Archives +	s. Stewardship +
f. Endowment +	m. Memorial Fund +	t. Swamp Picnic +
g. Evangelism +	n. Mission Svc/Social Min. +	u. Worship & Music +

6. Committee Action Items

a. The Endowment Fund Committee requests approval to use undesignated Memorial Fund Money (\$1,300.00) to purchase a plaque on which to recognize those who have contributed to the Endowment Fund. Jeff Wise proposed to continue with plaque fabrication investigation with any revised wording and the threshold monetary amount approved to have name placed on the plaque.

Scott Geiser seconded. 5 members voted yes, 1 member voted no, and 2 members abstained.

7. Staff Reports

The staff reports were unanimously approved: Ed Becker motioned; Jim Gross seconded.

8. Treasurer's Report

a. Major expense for the month that was not budgeted was the purchase of Heating Oil which was \$19,000.

b. \$165,000 was transferred into the Endowment Fund.

c. \$175,000 was transferred from the General Checking Account into the Truist Money market Account to gain more interest payments.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved for audit: Nancy White motioned; Pastor Scott Staub seconded.

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9. Unfinished Business and Prior meeting Action Items
 - a. AVEL Project
 - sound and video system installation ongoing; Steve Eisenhart and Pastor Scott Staub working to remedy the choir microphone issue.
 - Scott Repa will train any member interested in learning the new sound system.
 - Amy Marazas will train members in July so she can phase out.
 - b. Worship Nursery
 - Pastor Scott Staub did not get to ask Scott Repa or Amy Marazas about live streaming using WiFi or Smart TV.
 - c. Pre School
 - Donna met with lawyer and have requirements to fulfill for the start of a preschool form the township.
 - d. Constitution Update
 - The revised constitution was submitted to the synod for review.
 - e. Pictorial Directory –
 - Nancy has not started process yet.
 - f. Thank You Letters
 - Scott Geiser will generate the names, addresses, amounts for each donor to the AVEL/HVAC for Jan to May 2023.
 - Pastor will assemble volunteers to mail thank you letters.
 - g. Food Ministry & Archives Storage Switch
 - Lee Wesner is moving archives to the back of the Volunteer’s Office.

10. New Business
 - a. Alter Guild would like approval to purchase new paraments from Ruth Wirt’s memorial fund costing approximately \$1,700.
The purchase was unanimously approved: Scott Geiser motioned; Vicki Mutter seconded.
 - b. A motion was made and approved to remove the section 15 (“Action Item Review”) from the Agenda. The comments and follow-up actions are to be included in the “Unfinished Business and Prior Meeting Action Items” section.

11. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from the J-Walkers Volunteer Team for our generous donations.

12. Congregational Feedback
 - a. Easter services were too late.

13. Upcoming Events
 - a. Chicken Dinner – Saturday, May 20
 - b. Kids Camp – Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23
 - c. Confirmation and Kirby Smith reception – Sunday, June 4

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14. Action Item Review (Barbara)
 - a. Sr. Ministry Discretionary Fund Policy (Todd)
 - b. Find a new Insurance Provider (Jim)
 - c. Remind Sally Sugita about printing of council minutes and reports (Todd)
 - d. Contact Seminary Archives for suggestions on how to preserve the Luther book (Pastor)
 - f. Talk to Amy M. and Scott R. about streaming the service to the Welcome Center TV (Steve)
 - g. See that Endowment interest is reverted back into the GF (Ed)
 - h. Pictorial Directory (Nancy)
 - i. Can CDM generate thank you cards? (Scott)
 - k. Work with the Building and Memorial Funds to move money into a Money Market (Ed)
 - l. Review Building Use Policy (Property)

15. Next Council Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm
 - a. Ed Becker, Vicki Mutter, & Barbara Repa will not be in attendance.

16. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment was unanimously approved: Scott Geiser motioned; Jeff Wise seconded.

17. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer