

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023
7:00 pm

1. Call to Order at 7:02 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 June Regular Council Meeting
The minutes were unanimously approved: Jeff Wise motioned; Todd Rothermel 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. Staff Reports
The staff reports were unanimously approved: Todd Rothermel motioned; Scott Geiser seconded.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Ed reported that the total deficit as of June 31 was \$69,500.
 - b. He also noted that the income for half of the year is at 49% while spending is at 54%.
The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved for audit: Nancy White motioned; Jeff Wise seconded.
8. Unfinished Business and Prior Meeting Action Items
 - a. AVEL Project
 - Steve noted that the project is over budget by almost \$7,000.
 - b. Sale of Property Request
 - Steve shared that he signed the plans on behalf of the church and is waiting a copy for our records.
 - c. Worship Nursery
 - Pastor reported that the Camp Faulkner campers moved the books.
 - d. Pastor's Discretionary Fund Use Policy
The policy was unanimously approved: Todd Rothermel motioned; Nancy White seconded.
 - Todd will send it to Susan for filing and inclusion in the document binder.
 - e. Pre-School

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- Donna Kehs attended via Zoom and requested the approval of \$1,500 to be paid to New Hanover Township to start the process of receiving a special exception to the Zoning Ordinance, allowing the church to operate a Pre-School on the property.
- Full approval of the Pre-School by the council will come later.

Approval of the expenditure was unanimously approved: Ed Becker motioned; Scott Geiser seconded.

f. Constitution Update

- Nancy reported that it is still under review by the Synod.

g. Audit Update

- Steve noted that the accountant is working on the General Fund and that more information will be provided at the August meeting.

h. Picnic Grove Audit

- Steve shared that Don Wirt has completed the audit.

9. New Business

- a. It was suggested that once a month there be a very brief update of council highlights during the announcement period in worship. All were in favor.

10. Correspondence

- a. Thank you card from New Hanover Fire Company in response to our \$1,000 donation.

11. Upcoming Events

- a. Kids Camp – Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23
- b. Swamp Picnic – Saturday, August 26

12. Council Highlights (from this meeting)

- a. Pre-School
- b. Debt

13. Next Council Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm

14. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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

15. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.