

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026
6:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

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

Becker, Edward

Hauser, D. Martin

Rothermel, Todd

Becker, Monique

Mack, James *

Singley, Dee *

Eisenhart, Steve

Peto, Yvonne

Andy Van Dyke

Nikki Young

3. Devotions

a. Nikki opened the meeting with a prayer.

4. Approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2026 Council Meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved: Marty Hauser motioned; Yvone Peto seconded.

5. Staff Reports

a. Nikki's noted that VBS went well.

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

6. Treasurer's Report

a. Ed reported that the total deficit 2026 YTD as of June 30 is \$36,154.47.

b. Ed noted that total income at the end of June (50% of the year), the income was at 44.2% (41.62% to budget on congregational giving) and expenses were at 41.6%.

c. Discussion about how best to share the deficit with the congregation took place. Andy suggested that bequests received not be placed in the General Fund so as to accurately show the deficit totals. Finance will investigate.

d. Todd noted that the SLC will likely begin repaying the General Fund in the fourth quarter of this year.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved for audit; Ed Becker motioned; Todd Rothermel seconded.

e. Ed shared that the finance committee is working to expand the Balance Sheet to show all of the congregation's accounts, not just the General Fund. Andy provided a review of the new Balance Sheet; some discussion occurred and all were in agreement that this information is good to have.

7. Unfinished Business and Prior Ongoing Action Items

a. Tabled:

1. Additional Sound System Training (Steve) – Steve to consult with Bill Fitch

2. Unconventional Building Usage Requests – on going (Steve)

b. Ongoing Action Items:

1. Worship and Christian Education Board

a. No report

2. Property

a. Sanctuary A/C project – Steve reported that the work in the Sunday School hallway is complete; he does not have a start date for the Fellowship Hall.

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- b. Ad Hoc Building Use Committee Dissolution – on going
- c. Organ Refurbishment Project – on going
- d. Steve announced that Jennifer Boyer has scheduled (2) vacations later this month and wondered how her substitute be paid. It was decided that the substitute should submit her hours and the church will provide her with a paper check.
- 3. Community Outreach Board
 - a. Peer Support – Monique reported that she, Marlene and Rosalie Lisa are the only ones currently involved; the group existing in name only.
 - b. Call Committee – Monique reported that the meeting with the candidate went well and has reached out to her to establish a date for the candidate to visit in-person.
 - c. Food Ministry – Monique announced that there is a great need for grants to keep the ministry self-sustaining. Todd followed up by saying that they continue to peruse grants and are contemplating the future of the ministry given the retirement of Chef Chris.
 - d. Monique noted that she has a few names for the “Community Outreach Board.”
- 4. SLC Board
 - a. Todd motioned that the SLC board be approved as follows: Phil Richard, President; Zach Quigley, Vice President; Donna Kehs, Treasurer; and Marlene Hansley, Secretary.
The motion carried unanimously; Monique Becker seconded.
 - b. Todd also noted that the former Grace Early Learning Center accounts are in the process of being moved into the SLC.
 - c. He also noted that the permit was approved for the shed, concrete shed pad and playground and that their installation will begin soon.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Nikki shared that Carol Detweiler and Amanda Schlick had spoken to her about holding a day-time senior program centered around our historic cemetery. Our seniors would be invited as well as those from Carol’s church. All were in favor; Nikki will coordinate with Carol.
- 9. Correspondence
 - a. None
- 10. Up-Coming Events
 - a. Camp Faulkner: July 27 - 30
- 11. Next Council Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- 12. The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.
The adjournment was unanimously approved: Yvonne Peto motioned; Ed Becker seconded.
- 13. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.