

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2026
6:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm. It followed a meet and greet and a council interview with the pastoral candidate.
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. Review of the minutes of the July 16, 2026 Council Meeting
 - a. There were no changes or comments.
5. Staff Reports
 - a. Nikki noted that she quelled some concerns about the recent payroll issue and all seems fine now. Ed noted that the errant items have now been resolved.
 - b. Nikki also shared that Susan is now in charge of all of the child clearance information.
 - c. There were no further comments.
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Ed reported that the total deficit 2026 YTD as of July 30 is \$24,000.
 - b. Ed noted that total income at the end of July (58.3% of the year), the income was at 51% (41.16% to budget on congregational giving) and expenses were at 44.35%.
 - c. Ed noted that the second quarter Endowment distribution has been received.
 - d. Nikki noted that she attended the first "Building a Culture of Generosity" seminar today and that a new stewardship campaign would begin in September.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved for audit; Ed Becker motioned; Marty Hauser seconded.
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 on the second floor is almost complete; he does not have a start date for the Fellowship Hall.
 3. Community Outreach Board
 - a. Peer Support – no report
 - b. Call Committee – Todd made a motion to put the candidate forward to the congregation

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to vote to extend a call. Discussion about the candidate ensued with the over-all feeling being positive.

The motion was approved unanimously; Dee Singly seconded.

- Ed noted that the proposed salary will be approximately \$130,00: \$90,000 for salary/housing and \$40,000 for benefits. Discussion about the various options as related to the benefits took place.
- The tentative time line for the meet and greet, sermon and congregational vote is mid-October. Candidate reported that late January 2027 would be optimum for a start date.

c. Food Ministry – no report

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 bank accounts are in the process of being transferred into the SLC accounts.
- 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 noted Veronica Knepp wishes to become a member of the congregation, which will be by letter of transfer.

She was unanimously accepted into the membership; Yvonne Peto motioned; Ed Becker seconded.

9. Correspondence

- a. A letter and check for a \$6,087.06 donation was received from Violet Moyer. Either Steve or Susan will respond with a letter of acknowledgement.

10. Up-Coming Events

- a. Fall Garden Planting: August 29
- b. Coffee with Council: September 27

11. Next Council Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

12. The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The adjournment was unanimously approved: Yvonne Peto motioned; Ed Becker seconded.

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