

1. **Call to Order**

Wendy Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Council Members Present

Wendy Schmidt Mike Papke Craig Moulton

Dan Dahlberg Pastor Manda

Guests Present: Sue Griffin (treasurer), Kathy Olson, Muriel Bungert (finance secretary)

Council Members Absent

Cindy Hagen Sheila Zaske Becky Winberg

Reading of Council Covenant - Craig Moulton

2. **Approval of Agenda**

01132245: Motion to approve January 11, 2026 agenda with additions: Motion made by Craig Moulton seconded by Dan Dahlberg. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

01132246: Motion to approve regular meeting minutes on December 8, 2025 with corrections Motion made by Pastor Manda; seconded by Mike Papke. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. **Financial**

A. YTD/monthly update - Sue and Pastor Manda

B. 2026 new forms & processes - Muriel and Pastor Manda

01132247: Motion to accept financial policies and procedures as presented: Motion made by Dan Dahlberg; seconded by Craig Moulton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Announcements weekly reporting - replaced with a monthly report from the Treasurer and a bulletin board.

5. **Annual Meeting**

- A. Proposed 2026 budget presentation plan: Wendy will put it on the table and all council members will answer questions.
- B. Annual meeting minutes 2026 (agenda): published and shared as of 1/11/26. Annual report will be printed in time for the annual meeting on the 25th.

6. **Congregational Issue** discernment & decision to be made at the next meeting in February.

- A. Lombard Mennonite Peace Center & Leaderwise Training information & discussion
- B. Leaderwise: representative (Cindy) joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

7. **Thank you to outgoing Council Members**

8. **Future Dates**

- A. Annual Meeting - January 25, 2026 (Fellowship hall)
- B. Council Retreat - January 30-31, 2026 at Luther Point Let Pastor Manda know if you are planning on staying overnight (Fri - Sat). Sat. 9am - 4pm.
- C. Council Installation - February 1, 2026

9. **Next Month's Meeting:**

- A. February 9, 2026

January 11, 2026

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schmidt