

Trinity Lutheran Church Special Congregational Meeting & Potluck – **FINAL** 1-21-2018

Council President Bill Rankin called the meeting to order at 12:24 PM.

A quorum was present.

1. Council President Bill Rankin opened with a welcome and a prayer.
2. Interim Pastor Red Burchfield discussed the Respectful Communications Guidelines. In order to practice the love of God and build up the body of Christ; together we pledged to practice the following behaviors in our time together:

- ❖ R Take RESPONSIBILITY for what I say, think and feel without blaming others
- ❖ E practice EMPATHETIC listening (without interruption)
- ❖ S Be SENSITIVE to differences in communication styles
- ❖ P PONDER what I hear and feel before I speak
- ❖ E EXAMINE my own feelings and assumptions
- ❖ C keep CONFIDENTIALITY (which is different than secrets)
- ❖ T TRUST the Spirit's presence in the midst of ambiguity. We are here to build the common good and not to debate who is right or wrong.

Adapted from Eric H.F. Law, *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*. St. Louis. MO: Chalice Press, 1993. Used with permission.

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed Constitution. The motion carried
4. Marcia Black provided an update on Pointe of Grace. Pointe of Grace has prayerfully discerned to become an independent congregation and is taking steps working with leaders at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pointe of Grace and the Synod on the transition.
5. Nancy Schultz provided a brief overview of the Call Committee. The call committee will consist of six members from Trinity and two members at Pointe of Grace.
6. The following individuals were elected to serve on the Call Committee: Todd Caughey, Jennie Untener, Sue Carlson, Pete Johnson, Julia Rankin, Lori Schmidt, Mike Schultz and April Zepeda.
7. Ted Haase provided a 2017 Year End Financial Report. Please see attachment.
8. Sandra Schneider spoke about the upcoming Trinity short-term fundraiser (\$150,000) to enhance Trinity's Worship & Fellowship.
9. The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Secretary – Irene Austvold