

Trinity Lutheran Church – Special Congregational Meeting 3-26-17

Council President Neil Gavin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM the multipurpose room at Trinity Lutheran Church.

1. A special meeting of the congregation was called by petition to allow for open sharing and concerns regarding the resignation of their called pastor, Paul Sundberg. The petition stated “this congregational meeting will provide the opportunity for pastors, council board members, staff, members and even visitors to speak and listen to each other’s thoughts, feelings, concerns, and comments, clarification statements, and other questions that have developed, not just this past week, but over the course of several years.”
2. Kristina Gonzalez, a guest facilitator, was brought in to help guide the conversation. Kristina is the Director of Leadership Development for an Inclusive Church.
3. Approximately 225 – 250 people attended the meeting.
4. This meeting was called so members could discuss their feelings regarding Pastor Paul’s resignation.
5. The meeting was recorded. Arrangements can be made to watch a DVD video recording by contacting the church office at 425-778-2159.
6. Two handouts were available: 1) *RESPECT Guidelines / Mutual Invitation* and 2) *The Range of Emotions*. (See Attachments.)

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Secretary – Irene Austvold