

Mountain View Lutheran Church

Sunday 25 March 2018

Special Meeting of the Congregation

MINUTES

Attendance

120 voting members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Then she led the congregation in prayer.

Pastor Briana Merkle

This Special Meeting of the Congregation was called for the purposes of extending a call to Pastor Briana Merkle as our new Associate Pastor.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- A brief biographical introduction of Pastor Briana.
- Reviewing the \$80,464 compensation package to be extended to her.
 - \$52,169 in annual salary and/or housing allowance.
 - \$4,531 for Self Employment Clergy Allowance/Labor and Industries.
 - \$19,914 for ELCA benefits (pension, health insurance).
 - \$2,000 for continuing education.
 - \$350 for professional expenses.
 - \$1,500 for auto mileage allowance.
- A relocation/moving allowance of \$3,000.
- Call Committee Chairperson Michael Brauhn presenting on the work and process of the Call Committee.
- Call Committee members Jenny Grayum, Ben Wadnizak, and Michael Brauhn speaking as to why they unanimously recommended Pastor Briana be called.
- Southwestern Washington Synod Assistant to the Bishop Kim Latterell spoke about his excitement for our process of call, his excitement about Pastor Briana, and his endorsement of such an excellent candidate.

It was M/S/P to call Pastor Briana Merkle as Associate Pastor at Mountain View Lutheran Church. (120 approve, 0 reject.)

It was M/S/P to approve the compensation package for Pastor Briana Merkle as outlined in supporting documentation. (113 approve, 1 reject, 2 abstentions.)

Adjournment

Pastor John expressed his gratefulness to the Call Committee, the Church Council, and the congregation for the process and the vote. The meeting was adjourned with a benediction from Pastor John Vaswig.

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary