

**Word of Peace Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2017**

In Attendance:

**Pastor Keith Long, Pastor of Congregational Life and Growth**  
**Linda Thomas, Director of Administration**  
**Jim Peterson, President**  
**Michelle Anderson, Vice President**  
**Mike Van De Riet, Member-At-Large**  
**And 196 Word of Peace Congregation members**

Jim Peterson opened the meeting at 12:20 PM and Pastor Keith prayed the opening prayer.

A motion was made by Mark Walstrom and seconded by Paul Kennedy to Call Tyler Strom as Pastor of Faith in Action.

- Mark Walstrom, Chairperson of the Call Committee, presented Tyler Strom, giving a brief description of the work that Tyler has been doing since he's been here.
- Call Committee member Lois Woolard spoke highly of Minister Tyler and marched thru the Sanctuary with a sign that said "vote for Tyler" on one side and "vote for Kristin" on the other.

Questions

- Joe O'Brien asked how many hours Tyler would be working. The answer was 30 hours, which is the same as he is currently working.
- Greg Heinecke asked what the sustainability of a balanced budget would be by bringing both pastors on at once. The answer was that these two part-time pastor positions have been developed from a previously-held full-time pastor position.
- Lou Oberdeck asked if Tyler would be receiving health benefits? The answer is yes; as a 30-hour per week employee he is eligible for benefits.

The vote for Tyler Strom was taken by paper ballot, collected and counted. The results were: 145 Yes; 2 No; 3 Abstain. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Angela Carlson and seconded by Marilee Maxwell to Call Kristin Skare as Pastor of Spiritual Care.

Angela Carlson, chair of the Call Committee for Kristin Skare gave a brief description of how the committee came to its decision to recommend the candidate to the congregation.

Questions

None

The vote for Kristin Skare was taken by paper ballot, collected and counted. The results were: 181 Yes; 15 No; 5 Abstain. Motion passed.

Dave Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mark Walstrom. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;

Linda Thomas  
Director of Administration