

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017- 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Joanne Renner, Donna Hillgren, Tim McDermott

Visitors Present: Pastor Toensing, Terry Dittmer, Adam Hughes

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

Pastor Toensing opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Study

Pastor Toensing revisited the introduction to the topical discussion of the book, "5 Things you can do to Witness Christ". The group present highlighted with good discussion topics covered in the second chapter. The take-away for the group was that our 'witness' as members to other was NOT relevant to "our feelings" or "our opinions" or "how excited we feel" about our connection to our church, but rather with TRUTH of God's Word in the saving action of Jesus who laid down his life for all. God wishes all to come to the knowledge of the truth.

III. Meeting Topics

- a. Time & Talent Survey – The committee discussed the previous distribution of the survey accomplished following the September 24th Worship Service. It was noted that further distributions may include, but not be limited to, mailings and/or church mailbox placements. Committee members Joanne Renner & Donna Hillgren will comb through the surveys thus received, to ensure enough copies are provided to the individual Boards noted in the survey that would provide feedback to and from the congregational member by way of the Board so connected to the stated talent or desire to participate. It is hoped that board members reach out to those connecting members and thank them for their offering of service and keep them in mind when help is needed in the future. At such point, the collected survey for each individual would be imported into a useful tool, such as the church Servant Keeper Membership Program.
- b. Second Layer of Greeterism – It was presented to the Board of Evangelism a suggestion to focus more energy on helping to identify visitors each Sunday, thereby assisting the Greeters and the Elder on duty with the helpful guidance of pointing visitors to the registration book and visitor's packets. The Board has made, and will continue to make, encouraging statements that each member of St. John should be serving in this role by default. However, the Board would visit this concept in meetings to follow.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 p.m.