

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Donna Hillgren, Tim McDermott, Bonnie Bleich and Deb Walker
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: Terry Dittmer
Next meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Toensing opening with prayer.

II. Study

Together, the Committee continued the topical discussion of the book, "5 Things you can do to Witness Christ" led by Pastor Toensing. The group highlighted with good discussion the conclusion of the fourth chapter of this enriching book. Those present look forward to the start of Chapter #5, "Witness Christ on the Frontlines". As always, congregational members are invited.

III. Minutes/Agenda

- a. Bonnie Bleich motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed from the April 5th meeting. Motion was seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.
- b. Bonnie Bleich motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Updated Membership Contact List & Picture Directory – An update was provided that the church office is continuing the work in developing a final, updated phone/address directory. There are needed adjustments to be made to the updated Servant Keeper software that will require additional time. No action taken.
- b. Also the group reminded each other of the future potential to provide target 2020 for a new Picture Directory. No action taken.
- c. Membership Photo Board – James Walker is slated to provide another bulletin board as the photo board. Bonnie reached obtained a list of members who've indicated that they enjoyed photography and will ask that they begin the process in using their talents to collect photos for this dedicated board.
- d. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church website through May. No action taken.
- e. Welcome Folders – It was further discussed, as earlier suggested, to mount the 'Welcome Folders' into a rack connected to the guest registry stand for easier access. Each committee member will search for ways in hopes of accomplishing this. No formal action taken.
- f. Second Set of Greeters – Discussed in brief. No action taken.
- g. "Everyone His Witness" – This new Evangelism tool was discussed. The materials were purchased and a short introductory video was presented. The church office will proceed with obtaining grant funding covering half the cost. General consensus of the committee was to ask church Council members and then members attending the upcoming Voters meeting in July in first consideration of collecting the initial 12 participants.

V. New Business

- a. The Evangelism Committee was approached by a congregational member to consider the possibility of inviting Michelle DeRusha, author of the book "*Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk.*" While committee members had not read the book, but the fee for the presentation covered by a pair of congregation members, it was decided to first look into possible LCMS connected reviews of this work first. Pastor Toensing was asked to research what he could and perhaps weigh in on any likely opportunity.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:45 p.m.