

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Donna Hillgren, Tim McDermott and Bonnie Bleich
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: Adam Hughes
Next meeting: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 opening of the fifth chapter of this enriching book. Those present look forward to the continuation of the topic, "Witness Christ on the Frontlines". As always, congregational members continue to be invited.

III. Minutes/Agenda

- a. Donna Hillgren motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.
- b. Donna Hillgren motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed from the June 3rd meeting. Motion was seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – 2020 anticipated planning date remains in waiting.
- b. Membership Photo Board – Updates were provided on the construction plan for another bulletin board to be used as the photo board. Bonnie reached out to potential photographers/members and we await further advertising in the forthcoming church newsletter to gain additional volunteers for the task of collecting member photo's each Sunday. No action taken.
- c. Local Advertising – Discussed was the need to place St. John in the Wilber Republican newspaper, similarly to our listing in the Crete News. Tim will check with the Wilber paper to gain further information and a listing request.
- d. Michelle DeRusha, author of the book "Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk" – With Pastor's guidance, the Evangelism Committee will move forward with the possibility of inviting the author for a presentation and discussion on this book. Pastor Toensing indicated he would connect with one of our members to better gauge and process the request. The Committee is open to help this presentation forward with the knowledge it currently has. No formal action taken.
- e. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church website through May. No action taken.
- f. Welcome Folders – Tim obtained a trial mount for the 'Welcome Folders' to be used as a folder rack connected to the guest registry stand for easier access to the Welcome Folders. Mounting will commence as opportunity and visualization transpires. No formal action taken.
- g. Updated Membership Contact List – An update was provided that the church office is continuing the work in developing an 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.
- h. "Everyone His Witness" – The church office as processed proceed the request for grant funding covering half the cost of this purchased material. Tim will proceed to invite both the Council and the Voters during their next meetings in hopes of collecting an initial 12 participants to take part in this training.

V. New Business – N/A

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20 p.m.