

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Tim McDermott, Deb Walker and Bonnie Bleich
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: Adam Hughes & Terry Dittmer
Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 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 completed 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 fifth and final chapter of this enriching book.

III. Minutes/Agenda

- a. Deb Walker motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.
- b. Deb Walker motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed from the August 7th 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 for photo bulletin board. Bonnie provided an update on the progress of the photographers. Bonnie would continue to work with photographers and Tim would be the recipient of the digital files taken for cropping/editing. This remains a work in progress. No further action taken.
- c. Michelle DeRusha, author of the book "Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk" – The Evangelism Committee revisited this topic and it was suggested that the Committee itself forgo plans in formal support of this presentation, due in part to limited interest and scheduling. Pastor Toensing motioned to retire this topic. Seconded by Bonnie. Motion passes.
- d. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church website through August. No action taken.
- e. Updated Membership Contact List – An update was provided on the work of developing an updated, congregational phone/address directory. The Committee was provided copies of the updated contact list. The Committee thanks the Church Office for the work in arriving at this current version. No further action taken.
- f. Doane University "Downtown Tour" – Tim provided the Committee with an update on the outcome of the attended event that took place on Saturday, August 18th in the Crete City Park. The manufacturer of the pens intended to be given away did not make the pens in time. The order was cancelled when this likelihood became apparent. 'Plan B' was invoked. Cookies therefore ruled the day; along with other handouts and information to students about our church and church services. The Committee will plan earlier next year and try 'Plan A' again.
- g. "Everyone His Witness" – Tim presented the list of 14 individuals indicating they would like to take part in this training. After discussion, it was determined to hold these six, once a week classes, on the Wednesday night's: September 26th, October 10th, 17th, 24th, November 7th and 14th. Tim will reach out to those individuals in sharing these dates.
- h. By unanimous consent, the Committee selected the Concordia Mission Society "Good News" periodical as the upcoming form of topical study to begin at the October meeting.

- V. **New Business** – Brief discussion landed the Committee on selecting "Baptize & Teach: Curriculum #1" from the "Good News" Publication.

VI. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.