

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tim McDermott, Deb Walker, Bonnie Bleich and Donna Hillgren
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: Adam Hughes
Next meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

In recognition of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with Pastor Toensing opening with prayer.

II. Study

The Committee opened with a Bible study, centered upon a Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication. Committee members studied and discussed the second section of this publication with Pastor Toensing. This discussion topic focused upon our continued engagement in God's Word from our youth. Committee members look forward to more of this publication in the meetings to come.

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 November 6th meeting. Motion was seconded by Donna Hillgren. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – 2020 anticipated planning date remains in waiting for a spring meeting where an anticipated invitation extended to Jim Christiansen of Lifetouch can help begin the process. No action taken.
- b. Membership Photo Board – Tim presented a few additional prints developed for the proposed bulletin board. Deb continues to prepare labels for identifying those in the photos for the display. The bulletin-board itself remains anticipated and a work in progress by a church member. There is a need to move several wall hangings around to ensure the best fit for this dedicated bulletin board. No further action taken.
- c. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church website to be 651 unique visitors within the month of December. No further action taken.
- d. Engage & Equip – This upcoming Workshop was discussed in that Friday, January 18, 2019 Tim and Pastor Toensing will register for the workshop in Waverly, NE. Invitations were extended to congregational members with little interest in reply as of this meeting date.
- e. Promotional Ads – Discussion was held on the Holiday centered ads placed in the Crete News. The committee briefly discussed the three (3) ads placed from Thanksgiving through Christmas. A plan will continue to post another such ad in, at or before the Lenten Season in connection with Easter. No further action taken.
- f. District Mailing List – The committee discussed the upcoming opportunity to use the mailing lists obtained from the District LCMS of area residents in which to send invitation postcards. These mailings, via postcard, may provide a church connection to "new movers" within our area. Tim will research potential costs. No further action taken.
- g. "Voters Meeting – Election of Church Board Members" – A brief discussion was held regarding the potential of replacing outgoing Board member, Donna Hillgren in January. It was learned that the nominating committee has found one individual willing to serve. The Committee looks forward to this new member and also thanked Donna for the help provided while serving her term.
- h. "Continued Prayer for St. John, it's members and other local LCMS congregations in our district was reminded for the group.

V. **New Business** – The Committee again thanked Donna for her assistance as an Evangelism Committee Board member. A special "thank-you" was extended to Donna also for supplying the group with fresh, home-made kolaches.

VI. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:40 p.m.