

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Tim McDermott, Deb Walker, Bonnie Bleich and Carol Brinkmeyer
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: N/A
Next meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

In recognition of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Toensing opening with prayer.

II. Study

The Committee continued with a short Bible Study discussion, centered upon a Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication. Committee members studied and discussed the fifth section of this publication with Pastor Toensing. This discussion topic focused upon the training of children and how they, as we, should understand that we may not comprehend all things fully, but rather hold to the faith God provides each of us rather than attempt to reason our way to the truth. The Committee continues to enjoy and learn from this "Good News" offering.

III. Agenda/Minutes

- a. Deb Walker motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.
- b. Bonnie motioned to accept the minutes as provided from the March 5, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – The EC held a brief discussion on the likelihood that a simpler, smaller picture directory for 2019-20 might be constructed in-house. Then await the 150 Year Anniversary of St. John to promote a more inclusive, expanded directory with the help of LifeTouch in celebration. Tim said he would connect with the church secretary to obtain a contact list that could serve as a practice scenario. This topic will continue at the next meeting as more information becomes available for consideration. No official action was taken.
- b. Membership Photo Board – The EC recognized the work in providing the photo board and mounting of photos was basically completed, barring future additions or adjustments. No further action taken.
- c. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on the church website to be 682 for the month of March. No further action taken.
- d. Everyone His Witness – After a brief discussion on potential interest for a second "Everyone His Witness" workshop, to be held during a one-day-Saturday forthcoming, we remain patient in awaiting expressed interest by way of the signup sheet in the Narthex. Pastor Toensing extended an invitation to several smaller, rural LCMS churches in our area but has heard limited feedback as of yet.
- e. Promotional Ads – Discussion on the choice of an ad to place in the Crete Newspaper led to the selection of one black & white 4 column x 6" ad. Tim will send this to the Crete News before the Friday, noon deadline. Estimated cost for this ad was to be around \$112.00. No further action taken.
- f. District Mailing List – Tim provided an update on the Easter invitation mailing that VistaPrint and their mailing service accomplished for us. The 5.5 x 8.5 cards will arrive at their destinations before April 12th. Total cost for this mailing was \$158.26. No further action taken.
- g. Member Visitations – A brief discussion was held concerning the Evangelism Board visiting shut-ins or other members. General consensus is that we await the Pastor making that recommendation on a case by case basis.
- h. Doane University Downtown Walk – Planning for this event should begin as soon as the summer break begins.
- i. "Continued Prayer for St. John, it's members and other local LCMS congregations in our district was reminded for the group.

V. New Business – ⁽¹⁾ Pastor Toensing brought up the subject of how to better engage our youth in reading Bible stories, families using devotions or other reading materials stored in a location where items can be supplied to both parents and children; perhaps using a library borrow/return process.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 p.m.