

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tim McDermott, Deb Walker, Bonnie Bleich and Carol Brinkmeyer
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: Adam Hughes
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

In recognition of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 sixth section of this publication with Pastor Toensing. This discussion topic focused upon the impact of our church liturgy and its music can have on us as God's gift that we can use to keep our loved ones, especially our youth, from falling away from faith. 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 April 2, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – The EC continued its discussion on the plan to produce a simpler, in-house picture directory for 2019-20. Then await St. John's 150 Year Anniversary to promote a more inclusive, expanded directory with the help of LifeTouch. Tim is working with the church secretary to obtain an updated membership listing that would serve as the database for merging information into a workable directory. Photo's currently possessed will be cropped and/or resized to fit within the confines of the directory. There will need to be additional communication with members to obtain as many photo's as possible to be used in the directory. No additional action was taken.
- b. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on the church website to be 653 for the month of April. No further action taken.
- c. Doane University Downtown Walk – Planning for this event is beginning. Tim will reach out to Doane University in hopes of obtaining information & registration materials in advance of the event. Tim will begin to bring forward options for pen giveaway's and other handouts.
- d. Children's Books, Family Devotionals, etc. – Discussion took place on a likely location to place materials for family's with young children to make use of bible-based source materials to be borrowed or otherwise used/kept as needed. Pastor Toensing may have found a spot in the narthex area. He will update the committee as materials become available.
- e. Continued Prayer for St. John, it's members and other LCMS congregations in our circuit was reminded for the group.

V. New Business – N/A

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 p.m.