

## St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

September 3, 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, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



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#### 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 group study and discussion from another section of the Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication entitled, "*Permit the Children to Come to Me and Do Not Hinder Them*". The basis for the study was taken from Matthew 19. Good conversation was had by all committee members on the training of our congregational youth with helpful instruction provided by Pastor Toensing regarding the Greek word for "infants" used in the context of this reading and other connected Bible passages. The committee continues to look forward another section of this periodical at the October meeting.

#### III. Agenda/Minutes

- a. Bonnie Bleich motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.
- b. Deb Walker motioned to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – A concluding conversation was held in regard to the current status of obtaining membership photos and contact information for the in-house directory. Final adjustments were discussed and documented whereby final edits will be made prior to placing an order for 160 copies for our members use. Tim will await those few recognized changes, then forward the final version to the committee members prior to placing the order with Best Value Copy. No formal action taken.
- b. Doane University Downtown Tour – A follow up discussion was held on the outcome of this event held at the Crete City park this on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The conversation led all to believe the event went very well. It would be advised to ensure adequate flyer/handouts are available next year in an amount that will ensure we fail to run short. No formal action taken.
- c. Church Website – Tim announced that he has not received the previous months' statistics for visitors to the church website. He will follow up when those numbers are available. No formal action taken.
- d. Children's Books, Family Devotionals, etc. – The Evangelism Committee received a brief report by Pastor Toensing, by way of the Board of Education, on a potential "Book Fair" to be made available to parents in regard to children's/family reading materials. The targeted function is to make sharing God's Word with young people more advantageous for both parents and children. The planned hope is to have a variety of chosen reading materials available at a "book fair" to either purchase at the time of the fair, or to have the church place an order on behalf of the member. The committee will await further information or invitation for involvement. No action taken.
- e. Continued Prayer for St. John, it's members and other LCMS congregations in our circuit was reminded for the group. Action taken individually.

#### V. New Business – N/A

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