

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Tim McDermott, Deb Walker and Donna Hillgren
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: N/A
Next meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

In recognition of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with Pastor Toensing opening with prayer.

II. Study

The Committee opened with a Bible study, centered upon the Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication. Committee members reviewed and discussed the main topic of this publication with Pastor Toensing entitled, "Baptize & Teach". This discussion centered on Romans 6-8. 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 Tim McDermott. Motion carried.
- b. Deb Walker motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed from the November 6th meeting. Motion was seconded by Tim McDermott. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – 2020 anticipated planning date remains in waiting. A brief discussion developed on an anticipated invitation extended to Jim Christiansen of Lifetouch sometime in the spring of 2019. No action taken.
- b. Membership Photo Board – Tim presented several second-round prints developed for the proposed bulletin board. Bonnie continues to work identifying those in the photos with sticky notes. Deb is then the recipient of those prints to begin the task of labeling each photo accordingly. The actual bulletin-board itself remains anticipated and a work in progress by a church member. The final goal is in reach and forthcoming. No further action taken.
- c. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church website to be 662 unique visitors within the month of November. No further action taken.
- d. Engage & Equip – This upcoming Workshop was briefly discussed that the Friday, January 18, 2019 workshop in Waverly, NE remains the target in which to attend by one of our Committee members and the Pastor; with invitations extended to congregational members between now and the registration deadline. Tim will work to place a notice in the bulletin/newsletter about this workshop to gauge further interest of those who may wish to attend.
- e. Promotional Ads – Discussion was held on the Holiday centered ads placed in the Crete News. Tim requested that the committee give consideration to ideas for a third ad to be placed in the Christmas edition of the newspaper also. Crete News is offering a color upgrade for \$25.00. The committee will bring thoughts together on the ad and its content prior to the next news deadline for that edition. No further action taken.
- f. District Mailing List – Tim again shared the opportunity to perhaps use the mailing lists obtained by the District LCMS for area residents in which to send postcards. Tim suggested we forgo a quick mailer at the present time, but instead target the Lent/Easter season in which to plan a mailing to new residents into the area as our invitation to them to join us in worship. No further action taken.
- g. "Everyone His Witness" – Tim updated the committee on the completion of the six (6), once a week classes for "Everyone His Witness". It was discussed that and decided to commit to having at least two (2) additional classes in 2019; one of which will be a full day, Saturday class, perhaps in the spring of 2019. No further action taken.

- V. **New Business** – (1) Pastor Toensing updated the Committee on the "Main Street Living" project for the Nebraska District currently being formed. The Committee was reminded to keep this in mind if knowledge of potential Lay Leaders are identified in the congregation to support this "on-air" project. (2) Tim brought up the fact that we would be term-limiting a member of the EC in January and suggested the Pastor notify the Nomination Committee that we require a replacement in spite of the obtaining two (2) at the last election.

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