

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 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, July 2, 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 our monthly Bible Study discussion centered upon a Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication. Committee members studied and discussed the seventh section of this publication with Pastor Toensing. This discussion topic focused upon God's provision for "Divine Medication" found in His Living Word. We were each reminded of our need for this daily treatment and how it strengthens our faith in order to share and encourage our young people, our families and our community. The Committee continues to enjoy and learn from this "Good News" offering each month.

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 May 7, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – Tim provided the EC a DRAFT copy of a workable directory in which to build upon. The church secretary as provided an updated membership listing that would serve as the database for merging this information, along with photos, into a printable directory. Photo's currently possessed are being cropped and/or resized to fit within the small confines of the directory. In order to reach out to our members with additional information in hopes of obtaining as many photo's as possible, a mailing was discussed. The committee opted by consensus to meet again on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. to stuff envelopes with a letter to members asking them to provide needed photos for the directory. Tim will connect with the church secretary for return addressed envelopes. Tim will also obtain the necessary stamps, print the labels and construct the letter to include basic information to help meet that request.
- b. Doane University Downtown Walk – A discussion was held on our anticipated involvement with this event at the City of Crete park this fall. Tim has reached out to Doane University, learned of this year's organizer and hopes to obtain confirmation, information and registration materials soon. It is estimated the event will take place on Saturday, August 17th. Tim was asked to begin ordering about 250 pens, additional bookmarks and prepare flyers for distribution at the event.
- c. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on the church website to be 753 for the month of May. No further action taken.
- d. Children's Books, Family Devotionals, etc. – Pastor Toensing reported that we are awaiting the next Board of Education meeting to learn more on a partnership to obtain children's/family reading materials that may find a spot in the narthex area to make sharing God's Word with young people more advantageous for both parents and children. Pastor will update the committee as information becomes 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 8:40 p.m.