

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 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: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. w/Board of Elders



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 group study and discussion from another section of the Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication using a series of eleven (11) graphic pictures that summarize God's "Key" teachings in His entire Bible. By repeatedly referring to the pages under discussion, and helping our children memorize the pictures and the teachings from Scripture, God's promise to each of us will become a precious reality. The committee continues to look forward to other topics related to this periodical during future meetings.

III. Agenda/Minutes

- a. Bonnie Bleich motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Carol Brinkmeyer. Motion carried.
- b. Carol Brinkmeyer motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the September 3, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Photo Directory – A brief discussion was held on the continued effort to distribute the new directory during morning Worship Service on Sunday's. Subsequent discussion concerning a future, 2024 Lifetouch directory was omitted. No further action taken.
- b. Church Website – Tim shared what he believed to be an alteration to how the web host analyzes site visitors to www.stjohnkramer.org based upon the new format being used to display data/hits to the website. Reported were 351 unique visitors to the site during the month of October 2019. No action taken.
- c. Children's Books, Family Devotionals, etc. – There are no known updates or report provided relative to this topic.
- d. Advent/Christmas Advertising and Outreach – Upon discussion on the options to provided a Christmas print ad in the newspaper, Deb Walker motioned to provide one (1) color ad, using with some alteration the LCMS offering for print publication during Advent, in the Crete News to be displayed one (1) week before Christmas; which would be the week of Wednesday, December 18th. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried. Tim will work on the graphic changes and will share this with the committee members prior to placing an order to run the ad. General consensus led the committee to agree also upon using similarly offered LCMS graphic to create a set of Christmas postcards to mail to each address of absentee members. Tim will ask the church office for a listing of those members. The committee will embark to place a handwritten note on each of the cards before mailing. This was said to be accomplished at the Committee's early December meeting.
- e. Joint Board Meeting with Elders – The committee discussed a suggested night in which to meet with the Board of Elders to discuss options for addressing absentee members of St. John. The Committee agreed by consensus that Monday, December 2nd would work nicely for everyone.
- f. 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 a prayer led by Pastor Toensing at 8:40 p.m.