

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020 - 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, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



I. Opening

In recognition of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 which focused on continued outreach & community. The committee continues to look forward to other topics related to this periodical during future meetings.

III. Agenda/Minutes

- a. Deb Walker motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.
- b. Carol Brinkmeyer motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the November 5, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Directory – A brief discussion was held on the continued effort to distribute the new directory during morning Worship Service on Sunday's, and feedback heard from church membership. Subsequent discussion concerning the future, 2024 Lifetouch directory was limited to an anticipated committee needing to be formed sometime in 2022. No further action taken.
- b. Church Website – Tim shared a brief report of 680 unique visitors to the church website during the month of December 2019. No action taken.
- c. Advent/Christmas Advertising and Outreach – The Christmas print ad in the newspaper was discussed. Tim pointed out that the colors in the graphic provided by the newspaper was one quite poor. It was suggested that any future advertising in the local paper be in black/white or left to the newspaper to design using their own CMYK color scheme. No additional action taken.
- d. Joint Board Meeting with Elders – The committee discussed the outcome of the meeting with the Board of Elders. It was suggested by Pastor Toensing that reaching out to absentee members be something the Elders would focus upon, while the Board of Evangelism focus its connection on community or traveling visitors. Pastor Toensing brought recent examples and contacts of which committee members divided and would make a connection.
- e. LCEF Grant Opportunity – Tim brought into conversation the potential \$1000 grant application currently underway and suggested opportunities that may meet that deadline. After further discussion, it was decided to await a future round where more time, thought and planning could go into a focused idea. No action was taken.
- f. Leadership Handoff – Tim brought forward a three-ring binder with copies of the previous meeting minutes, along with a thumb-drive with shared digital files saved from Evangelism Committee projects from the last two to three years to be given to the next chair of the committee to be decided upon in February.
- g. 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 8:45 p.m.