

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018- 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Joanne Renner, Donna Hillgren, Tim McDermott

Visitors Present: Pastor Toensing, Terry Dittmer, Adam Hughes

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:10 p.m.

I. Opening

Pastor Toensing opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Study

Together, the Committee continued the topical discussion of the book, "5 Things you can do to Witness Christ". The group highlighted with good discussion topics covered in the continuation of the third chapter. Further, continued study and conversation in starting Chapter #4 will begin at the next meeting. All congregational members are invited.

III. Meeting Topics

- a. Haiti Mission Trip – Terry Dittmer reported and answered group questions concerning his upcoming mission trip to Haiti where much work in supplying clean drinking water, through the installation and repair of water wells, and taking opportunities to witness our Christian faith is taken and shared with those in most need.
- b. Time & Talent Survey – The committee discussed the recent mailing of additional survey sheets to members. By next month, the committee can turn over hard copies of the surveys to the church secretary in order to import the data returns into the church computer membership database for ongoing use by groups or Boards.
- c. Purchase/Discuss Additional Church Directories – It was further discussed to continue taking feedback on the desire for members to receive a picture directory that was either not provided originally or simply desired another. Having additional books for new members until the church offers another round of picture sittings might prove beneficial. LifeTouch representative Jim Christenson mentioned that additional books could be purchased for \$5.00 each, along with an additional \$100 setup fee for printing. During the previous meeting, the committee agreed that purchasing thirty (30) more books would suffice to cover us until another session could be arranged within the next couple of years. The Committee will await any additional response to the notice placed in the newsletter pertaining to the same.
- d. Church Website – Updates were provided on the church website and a suggestion was made to capture a recording of various sermons in which to post on the site for visitors or those taking an interest as to what our church preaches and teaches. Tim & Pastor Toensing will attempt to find a good method to accomplish this.
- e. Local Evangelism – A discussion was had in response to a committee question regarding ways in which our local, rural congregation can reach out to local community members in an evangelism effort. The conversation will be ongoing but the committee left with good concepts in providing Public Relation letters to area newspapers whenever a church event or special service would seem invitational to the public in which to invite on those occasions.

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