

St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Donna Hillgren, Tim McDermott, Deb Walker and Bonnie Bleich
Supported by: Pastor Toensing
Visitors Present: Adam Hughes & Terry Dittmer
Next meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Toensing opening with prayer.

II. Study

Together, the Committee continued the topical discussion of the book, "5 Things you can do to Witness Christ" led by Pastor Toensing. The group highlighted with good discussion the continuation of the fifth and final chapter of this enriching book. Those present look forward to the continuation of the chapter, "Witness Christ on the Frontlines". As always, congregational members continue to be invited.

III. Minutes/Agenda

- a. Bonnie Bleich motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.
- b. Deb Walker motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed from the July 3rd meeting. Motion was seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – 2020 anticipated planning date remains in waiting.
- b. Membership Photo Board – Updates were provided on the construction for photo bulletin board. Bonnie provided an outline of instructions for volunteer photographers/members on what is needed and to whom the photos should be provided. Bonnie would continue to work with photographers and Tim would be the recipient of the digital files taken. Final discussion was had over the style the board should take. It was recommended the board should be an open cork board in the event the board would be used for other purposes in the future. No further action taken.
- c. Local Advertising – Tim provided the committee with the update of the Wilber Republican newspaper having our listing similar to the Crete News. The Republican has already begun to list St. John in their newspaper. No further action taken.
- d. Michelle DeRusha, author of the book "Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk" – The Evangelism Committee will await Pastor's guidance and conversation with another member who would like to extend the invitation of this author for a presentation and discussion on this book. No further action taken.
- e. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church website through May. No action taken.
- f. Welcome Folders – Tim mounted the 'Welcome Folders' on with a rack connected to the guest registry stand for easier access to the Welcome Folders. A new pen & holder was also attached. No further action taken.
- g. Updated Membership Contact List – An update was provided that the church office is continuing the work in developing an updated phone/address directory. No further action taken.
- h. "Everyone His Witness" – Tim has extended the invitation to both the Council and the Voters during their recent meetings. In total, there were 14 individuals indicating they would like to take part in this training. Pastor Toensing and Tim will discuss a potential start date/time.
- i. Doane University "Downtown Tour" – The Committee will set up a table for this even on Saturday, August 18th and provide invitation, pens and bookmarks to Doane students in the City Park from 11:00a to 12:30p.

V. New Business – Brief discussion on possible study material for future meetings.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20 p.m.