

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Pastoral Council Meeting
May 16, 2013 - Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi

Members present: Christa Rivers, Michelle Ridl, Donna Carver, Dave Reed, Tim Macik, Father Steve, Father Jerry, Father Brian, Father John, and Mary Nordstrom. Members absent: Ron Dobbs, Joan Conway, Deb Reitsma, and Terry Braun.

We began with opening prayer and a recommitment to our AFC Vision.

The minutes from February 28 were approved, as was the agenda for tonight's meeting with the addition of an update about the Mission in Guatemala.

We reviewed the copies of the Area Service, Word, and Worship committees' minutes from May 7, and the Area Stewardship from May 9.

Informational items:

1. Update on Small Christian Communities

The organizational committee has been meeting and has selected the book that will be used. They are going to do a dry run with the selected book over the Summer.

2. Summer Mass schedule

St. Mary's in Willmar will go from two Masses on Sunday mornings to one. This was the recommendation of the St. Mary's PAC. The English Mass will be at 9:30 am and the Spanish Mass will be at 11:30 am.

3. 2013-2014 Area Meeting schedule

Discussed the meeting rotations for next year.

4. Farewell reception for Father Brian and Father John

The reception will be held from 1-3 pm on Sunday, June 23 at the Church of St. Mary. Volunteers will be needed to help serve and clean up.
Christa, Michelle,

5. Plans for Father Jim's arrival

How do we want to welcome Father Jim to the area? Father Jerry pointed out that it is difficult to try and get to every Mass in order to meet people, and it is also tough to remember a lot of names when they come in such a large group. We discussed that it would be good to have the parish leadership get together for a grill-out. (APC, PACs, Area Committees, and Staff.) We will have it on Wednesday, July 10, at 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's in Kandiyohi. The AFC will provide meat for grilling and the beverages, and others should bring a dish to pass. We will see if people who live near St. Patrick's can loan us a grill.

6. San Lucas Toliman Mission

Father Steve gave an overview of how the mission has been reorganized since the death of Father Greg Schaeffer, and how the Friends of San Lucas group is now running the mission. The monies we give from our Christ Our Life Capital Campaign now gets sent to the Friends of San Lucas.

Discussion items:

- 1. We discussed the assignments from our February meeting on our own encounters with Christ as well as the encounters of people we identify in the "highly engaged" 7%.**
- 2. AFC Budget**
We reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Father Steve discussed the idea of creating an AFC Equipment Fund that would be used to purchase equipment as it is replaced instead of individual parishes purchasing their own. The Council recommended the approval of the budget and the establishment of an equipment fund.
- 3. Area Vision and Mission statements.**
We discussed the draft Vision and Mission statements of the AFC that Fr. Steve composed. Father Steve is gathering the comments and will present one more draft.

Our next meeting will be at the All Council/Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 3, at the Church of St. Mary. This will be a dinner/meeting with all councils and committees in the AFC.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nordstrom