

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area WORD Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
7:00 pm – Church of St. Mary

Joint Agenda

Opening Prayer – Bishop Ken Untener’s Reflection

Recommitment of Our Vision – *“Sharing the Life of Christ ~ Being the Love of Christ*

Pastor’s Report

- January 24, 2015 Discipleship Retreat at StM – RSVP by January 19 to Parish Offices. This retreat is for the leadership in the parishes and the purpose is for them to come and be nourished. It is an entire day directed to feed your spirit and nourish your soul. If weather would cause cancellation, it would be announced on the radio.
- Discipleship Video is being made by Christine Pinto and a Confirmation candidate and will be shown on January 24 and 25 in place of the homily.
- Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2015 at ~~10:30am~~ 10:00 am at the Church of St. Mary.

Area Word Members Present: Pat Laib, Diane Cronen, Randy Suter, Barb Garding and Diane Pyka.

Absent: Debbie Becker and Aurora McCleary

Review of Minutes and Agenda

Committee Specific Agenda:

Faith Formation Program Report from Barb Garding for Grades Preschool-Gr2.

Barb shared about the following that is her responsibility:

- The Preschool Good Shepherd Catechesis curriculum for 4 and 5 year olds held at OLOL on Monday from 9-11am.
- The Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sundays at OLOL and StM during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.
- Grades 1 and 2 who are using the Loyola Press Curriculum. Barb also presented the opportunities for parent involvement and in Grade 2 the role parents play in preparing their child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- Barb has homeschool families in the grades she is responsible for and they are using the same curriculum as those who attend the Faith Formation classes.

Area January 24 Retreat on Discipleship – Father Steve shared information on the retreat in his opening Pastor’s report. The committee discussed putting this day on their calendars and attending as well as promoting it to others.

Membership Opening from StP (1) and StTM (2). It was suggested to have a bulletin announcement on these membership openings on January 31/February 1. The parishioners at all the parishes will see and hear about the ministries from the Discipleship video that will be shown in place of the homily on January 24 & 25.

Spotlight Ministries –planned for November is being covered by the Discipleship video mentioned above and shown in all parishes on January 24 & 25.

Lenten Fiat - articles due to Mary Nordstrom by January 22. Suggestions for this Fiat were: Lenten Soup Suppers; RCIA – pictures of the candidates and information on each one; Reading material suggestions for the Lenten season; and information on the Chrism Mass as it will be held at StM on Thursday, March 26.

Future Agenda Items:

Evaluate the January 24 Discipleship Retreat (Discussion)

Membership Opening from StP and StTM

Faith Formation Program Report for Grades 10-12 (Christine Pinto) (Information)

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

Submitted by Diane Pyka