

## **Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water**

Area WORD Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

7:00 pm – Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

**Joint Agenda** - Opening Prayer to the Holy Spirit

### **Recommitment to our Vision**

#### **Pastor's Report**

AFC Confirmation Sunday, February 9 at 10:30am Mass. We have 57 young people being confirmed, please remember them in prayer.

The AFC Easter Vigil will be hosted at Our Lady of the Lakes this year.

Area Word Committee will be looking at the results of the Adult Survey tonight.

Area Service Committee will be looking at how to proceed in the area of homelessness as an Area Faith Community.

**Members Present:** Randy Suter, Debbie Becker, Ron Skjong, Diane Cronen, Pat Laib, Joe Groshens and Diane Pyka

### **Review of Minutes and Agenda**

#### **Discussion Items:**

#### **Reviewed the Adult Survey Results. They are as follows:**

**Q1** What topics would most interest you? (**Choose 4**): Living the Catholic Church's teachings in today's society (1), God's call for your life (2), Church tradition and history (3), Marriage with the focus on God (4).

**Q2** In which of the following opportunities for spiritual growth would you participate? (**Choose 3**): Speakers (1), Adult Bible Study (2), Video series/movie night and discussion (3).

**Q3** When would be the most convenient time to meet? Evenings (1)

**Q4** What would be the most convenient day to meet? No preference (1), Sunday (2)

**Q5** How often would you prefer to attend an event? Monthly (1)

**Q6** How long should the event last? One hour (1)

**Q1 Other, Q2 Other and General Comments** had many entries.

Committee members will meet on Monday, February 17, at 6 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes to categorize comments and group them together looking for a common thread that the committee could recommend that we look at when we are moving forward in the area of one curriculum for our AFC.

Ron Skjong will do an article in the Lenten FIAT thanking parishioners for taking the survey online or hard copy and informing them that the information collected will be used for long range adult formation planning.

**Update on Small Christian Communities:** Erin Wendt reported that there are 182 people in 23 Small Christian Communities, 22 English and 1 Hispanic group. There will be an offering to people who are not currently registered for a SCC during Lent to experience it.

**Update on Family Promise and Area Service discussions:** no update at this time by the Area Service committee.

**Update on Area Faith Formation curriculum planning:** Brainstorming ideas were presented at the ACT (Area Catechetical Team) meeting on January 28, 2014. One of the ideas on family based ministry we will be learning more about from Sister Julie Schleper, OSB at a meeting on Wednesday, February 24. Ron Skjong contacted the Diocese and we have information on programs used throughout the Diocese and their effectiveness. We will keep this committee informed of the progress we are making.

**Diocesan Guidelines for Word Committees:** Ron shared with us the guidelines for Word Committees from the Diocesan Evangelization & Catechesis Committee.

**Youth Ministry Team** – Christine will be on the agenda for the May meeting. Randy Suter is also on the Youth Ministry team and can give input and answer questions. Joe Groshens recommended that we look over the handouts given at the January 8, 2013, meeting from Christine to be more knowledgeable on the process and planning for Comprehensive Youth Ministry in our Area Faith Community.

**Membership Openings** – Pat Laib is no longer a sub for Marvin Lucas but is one of the committee members from Our Lady of the Lakes. We have one opening from St. Marys and one opening from St. Thomas More.

### **Future agenda items**

- 1) Recommendation from the Adult Survey Results
- 2) Budget recommendations for Adult Formation if needed
- 3) Area Calendar recommendations for Adult Formation
- 4) Update on Area Faith Curriculum Planning
- 5) Update on Family Promise and Area Service discussions