

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area WORD Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

7:00 pm – Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Joint Agenda

Opening Prayer – Bishop Ken Untener Reflection

Recommitment to our Vision

Pastor's Report

January 18, 2014, AFC hosts a reception for religious life at the Church of St. Mary. Bishop LeVoir will celebrate Mass at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Randy Suter, Ron Skjong, Pat Laib, Joe Groshens and Diane Pyka

Members Absent: Diane Cronen & Debbie Becker

Review of Minutes and Agenda

Discussion Items:

Adult Survey dates – the survey will be on the area website to complete as of 1-8/1-9, for those we have valid email addresses for, they will receive the survey through their email and for those who desire hard copy, they will be available after Masses at all four parishes January 11/12 until January 31.

Ron Skjong will make hard copies and they will be distributed with bulletins to all parishes, he will do the announcement for the survey at Mass and will email them to the parishes by 1/9, he will do the bulletin announcements for January 11/12 and January 18/19, he will check with Father Steve on 1/8 to see if it is a possibility to have the priest make the announcement of the survey at the end of Mass instead of the cantor at the beginning of Mass. Mary Nordstrom will add a link to OurLivingWater.org for the online survey 1/8 and will send out the results of the email survey to the WORD Committee January 28.

January 11/12, Joe Groshens will be responsible for the survey at St. Patrick's

Diane Pyka will be responsible for the survey at Our Lady of the Lakes

Ron Skjong will be responsible for the survey at St. Mary's

Randy Suter will be responsible for the survey at St. Thomas More.

Small Christian Communities – January 8 Kick Off was cancelled due to extreme cold weather. Ron Skjong reported that there are 180 people signed up for Small Christian Communities.

Membership openings - Currently, we have one position open for a parishioner from the Church of St. Mary and one position open for a parishioner from the Church of St. Thomas More. A discussion took place regarding term expirations for current members.

Update on Family Promise and Area Service Discussion – no update at this time.

Update on Area Faith Formation Curriculum Planning – handout “Top 3 Choices of Hopes for an Areas womb to tomb Faith Formation Curriculum” was handed out and discussed. Curriculum reviews will begin in the next month by Area Catechetical Staff.

Youth Ministry Team – Randy Suter reported that this team began in the fall of 2013 consisting of youth and adults. They meet to find ways to get youth involved. Joe Groshens recommended that Christine Pinto be at a future meeting to give an update.

Future Agenda Items

1. Survey results from Google Docs form and pew survey
2. Membership openings
3. Update on Small Christian Communities
4. Update on Family Promise and Area Service discussions
5. Update on Area Faith Curriculum Planning
6. Update by Christine Pinto on Youth Ministry Team

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the Church of Our Lady of the Lakes.

Submitted by Diane Pyka