

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

7:00 p.m. Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Present: Doug Bernhagen , Terry Brunson, Tim Cayler, Joan Conway, Bev Egge, Larry Fujan ,
Tim Macik, Mary Nordstrom, David Rivers, and Fr. Steve Verhelst

Absent: Larry Gunter

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Pastor's Report

Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes and Agenda (minutes attached from 11/5/13)
 - a. Approved as presented.
- V. Enrichment
 - a. Fr. Steve asked each member to recall their participation in this past year's Christmas Eve and Christmas Season's Liturgies and share what rituals are important to us or impacted us during our times of worship. Examples shared were: the Advent candles, the procession of baby Jesus to the manger, the Christmas music and bringing communion to the home-bound and sharing with them the "present" of Jesus.
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a. Evaluate past celebrations/events
 - i. **Advent** - Comments were positive. Discussed whether the Advent procession could be more integrated into the Gathering Rite. It seemed disconnected, and people were not ready, therefore, not able to absorb the question and then think about it. 4th Sunday of Advent the RCIA rite that occurred at OLOL was awkward and not made known to the music ministers so that music could be provided for this special moment. **Christmas** – Attendance was good, every worship site offered Prelude music/caroling, the worship aid was designed nicely – allowing for more choices by the musicians.
 - ii. Vision Weekend – More discussion about this event. Organization/Explanation for those asked to assist varied at each site. Concern that maybe those assembled didn't grasp the intent of goal of the event. Suggestion that the "commissioning" be incorporated at other events as a reminder – i.e. Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King in 2014.
 - iii. AFC Lector Workshop – Well received. Good attendance, about 67%. Focus was on being an effective lector/storyteller. Seeing good results since the training/enrichment. Periodic individual follow-up/reinforcement should be done. Positive feedback from those attending.

- b. Music Sub-Committee Report – Shared the work the committee accomplished during the November meeting: Evaluating Evening Prayer of Remembrance, Discussed the Area Anointing Mass (November 21, 2013), Vision Weekend, Mass Settings for Advent and Christmas, Advent candle, Christmas worship aid.
- c. Confirmation – February 9, 2014 Church of St. Mary at 10:30 a.m. Mass – music will be led by an Area Youth Choir. Fr. Steve has asked that the involvement of the Confirmation candidates be throughout the liturgy – i.e. Lectors. Office staff/Faith Formation Directors will work to find people to fill the Ministry Roles.
- d. Easter Vigil – April 19, 2014 STD at 8:30 p.m. - Lengthy discussion regarding which worship sites should host the event. It has been at the Church of St. Mary for the past several years which seems to be the most "logical" and convenient site, because of resources and the majority of RCIA candidates worship in Willmar. However, there was discussion that this is an Area Faith Community, and the people of all sites need to feel they belong. A poll of the committee indicated a modest preference for moving the Easter Vigil around, understanding that it will involve detailed planning and commitment on behalf of the Worship Committee with the assistance from members of the host site.
- e. Goals and Objectives – Rituals (see above)

VII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Lent/Easter
- b. Evaluate Confirmation

Next Area Faith Committee Meetings will be Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Spicer at the Church of Our Lady of the Lakes.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music