



**Catholic Area Faith Community of
Jesus Our Living Water
Area Pastoral Council Meeting - Minutes
October 18, 2012, 7:00 pm
Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi**

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Members present: Fr. Steve, Fr. Jerry, Fr. Brian, Fr. John, Donna Carver, Deb Reitsma, Joan Conway, Ron Dobbs, Michelle Ridl, Christa Rivers, Terry Braun, Dave Reed, and guest Pam Osborne representing the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Committee.

Members absent: Tim Macik

- I. Opening Prayer** – We prayed the Prayer to the Holy Spirit used at the opening of each session of Vatican II.
Recommitment to our Vision Statement
- II. Routine Agenda Items:**
Approval of Minutes
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- III. Review of Area Pastoral Council Committee Reports (APC)***
 - Area Bereavement Subcommittee – We have received DVDs from the Paracletes on different types of grief that the committee is previewing. Those that have been previewed have received very high praise. We anticipate purchasing the entire set. Plans on making those available have not been determined.
 - Area Health and Wellness Subcommittee – Due to a change in her work hours at the hospital, Cate is no longer able to serve in the Parish Nurse role. Her employment will be done at the end of this month (October, 2012). Discussion took place about whether to replace her (and Kelly who left this past Spring) with one paid position, try to fill it with volunteers, or how to continue this valuable ministry.
*** We agreed that we will try to call the Health and Wellness Subcommittee together and get their input. Fr. Steve will notify the subcommittee and arrange for them to meet.*
 - Area Service Committee – Their small group does a lot of work! Mentioned the need for more members. Fr. Brian highlighted the Heartland Community Action Agency's lunch in November.
 - Area Word Committee – Advent Speaker will be on Sunday, December 2. Fr. J. Michael Byron, a priest from the Archdiocese who teaches at St. John's during the summer, will be speaking on the Vatican II document Gaudium et Spes. The location has not been finalized. The time of the event will be 4:00 pm.
 - Area Worship Committee – The committee is busy preparing for the Area Evening Prayer on Sunday, October 28, 4:00 pm, in Kandiyohi. Also, we acknowledged and thanked the Area group who prepares the Prayers of the Faithful each month: Joan Conway, Karen Baalson, Pat Botzek, and Bernice Grabber-Tintes.
 - Area Stewardship – The financial statements from the end of the fiscal year as well as the end of September were reviewed. All parishes are current on their assessment and the expenses are on track at this time.
- IV. Information Items:**
 1. Presentation by Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Committee –
 - a. Pam Osborne presented the Diocesan plan for creating a new Diocesan Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry. A multi-step process has been defined that will help create the new plan which will be promulgated in January, 2015.



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- b. As one of the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry worship sites, we have been asked to form a Core Working Committee (CWC) to provide input in the creation of this new plan. Fr. Brian indicated that three or four people from the Hispanic community have been identified, and that he will chair this core working committee. There is a request for two people from the APC to serve.

*** We agreed that people should contact Fr. Brian within a couple of weeks if they are interested.*

- c. Mary Nordstrom has copies of the material Pam presented. Copies are available for anyone who would like to review it.
2. Upcoming Dates – Someone pointed out to Fr. Brian that St. Thomas More’s Turkey Bingo was not on the list. While this is certainly an important event for the parish, the “rule” states that each parish gets one sacred date for their parish festival. If all important events were listed, it would be a complete calendar, as hopefully we don’t do events that aren’t important to some portion of the community!

V. Discussion Items:

1. AFC Vision statement – Fr. Steve is hoping to revise the AFC Vision statement so that it is 1) memorable, 2) simple, and 3) short. He wants to put together a small committee of 6-8 people to work on this.
*** Michelle volunteered to sit on the committee.*
2. Parish self-study reports – Discussed the self-study reports. Fr. Steve reminded us that we can’t just see the numbers and stick it on the shelf. We have to refer to it when we are planning staffing, ministry planning, etc... What information should be communicated to the parishioners?
*** Suggested that we include some of the information in the bulletin along with a narrative on the information. Mary will work with Dave and Christa.*
3. Fr. Steve will be issuing an invitation for people to share faith stories. He is hoping to be able to share these in the upcoming newsletter and in the bulletin.
4. Goals and objectives for AFC

VI. Review Items for Discussion at Parish Administrative Council (PAC)

1. Self-studies
2. Vision committee
3. Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Committee plan

VII. Future Agenda Items:

1. Goals and Objectives
2. Evaluate Area Evening Prayer of Remembrance
3. Update from Area Health and Wellness Subcommittee

VIII. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 15 at St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please e-mail Mary or Christa. Thank you.