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**Catholic Area Faith Community of
Jesus Our Living Water
Area Pastoral Council Meeting - Minutes
November 15, 2012, 7:00 pm
Church of St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian**

Members present: Fr. Steve, Fr. Jerry, Fr. John, Donna Carver, Deb Reitsma, Joan Conway, Ron Dobbs, Michelle Ridl, Christa Rivers, Terry Braun, Dave Reed, Tim Macik, and Mary Nordstrom

Members absent: Fr. Brian

- 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. Minutes were approved as printed.
Approval of Agenda. Correction was made to the agenda that as part of the Area Worship Committee discussion, we should evaluate our Evening Prayer of Remembrance.
- III. Review of Area Pastoral Council Committee Reports (APC)***
Area Bereavement Subcommittee – noted the upcoming Bereavement Workshop on February 23.
Area Health and Wellness Subcommittee – Fr. Steve gave an overview of the meeting with the subcommittee on how we should proceed without a paid Parish Nurse. The two big items that these volunteers want to tackle are AED classes, especially in Kandiyohi and Spicer, and an Advanced Directives seminar. The subcommittee will meet again to discuss their progress. One area where it is felt that they can be of assistance is finding volunteers as health care advocates.
Area Service Committee – an error in the minutes was noted, as well as the fact that this committee needs members. Giving Trees are going up in the parishes before Advent to allow for more time for people to see the trees and make donations.
Area Word Committee – At our all-staff meeting, we made the decision to offer a light meal after the Advent Enrichment. All three KC councils from our AFC will be making and serving a chili supper.
Area Worship Committee – Many good comments were received regarding the Evening Prayer of Remembrance. The Music Subcommittee has been working together for the Advent and Christmas season music.
Area Stewardship – no comments
- IV. Information Items:**
 1. Christmas Mass Schedule – Fr. Steve shared the Mass schedule, which is printed in the Advent *Fiat*, and will be printed in the bulletin. He explained that we have to offer two Masses at the same time due to Fr. John being at another parish in the Diocese over Christmas.
- V. Discussion Items:**
 1. Mass schedule for January through May
At this time, we will keep the current Mass schedule after the first of the year. We will evaluate it again when we have fewer priests, and also for the summer. One exception

may be having a Sunday Mass in Kandiyohi on March 17. That will be determined at the St. Patrick's PAC meeting next week.

2. Area Mission(s): March 3-7, English; March 10-14, Spanish
Fr. Arthur Carrillo will be here for both weeks
3. Area Mass at the Civic Center: May 19, 2013 – roles and responsibilities
Names of people from our four parishes need to be gathered. Fr. Steve is looking for the APC to identify people to serve on a committee which will begin meeting after the first of the year. We also need a couple of overall chairs to make sure that all the details are being taken care of.

Some of the subcommittees are:

- Parking and transportation – this type of event will almost definitely require bussing
- Worship/liturgy
- Environment
- Publicity
- Hospitality
- Food/refreshments

The question came up as to why we are doing the Area Mass at the Civic Center. The Mass was an outcome from our Area Staff Days where the discussion of the Year of Faith and how it was to be celebrated in our AFC. The goal is to build relationships and a sense of community.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, and we are looking at this being a birth of a new Church in Kandiyohi County – our area faith community.

It was discussed that since St. Mary's has experience putting on an event of this magnitude, none of the other parishes will feel put out if St. Mary's plays a large role with the logistics of the event. There will need to be involvement from people of all parishes in all areas – especially in the liturgical ministry roles.

There was a suggestion to put information about this in the bulletin describing the event and an expanded description in the Lenten *Fiat*.

As a side note, Fr. Steve pointed out the successes we are having with Area liturgies such as today's Area Anointing Mass.

4. AFC Goals and Objectives

Two samples that were suggested to give us ideas:

1. To develop the leadership of the APC to identify the purpose and expectations of why we are meeting.
2. To address the polarization that exists in our APC and our community.

Fr. Steve said that one goal we will have is that we will create a new AFC vision statement. It will be rolled out at the Civic Center Mass.

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

1. Civic Center Mass
2. Mission
- 3.

VII. Future Agenda Items:

VIII. **Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17** will include potluck hors d'oeuvres. Both the time and location will be moved. We will meet at **6 pm** at Fr. Jerry's home in Spicer.

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