



**Catholic Area Faith Community of  
Jesus Our Living Water  
Area Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 17, 2013, 6:00 pm**

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**Members present:** Fr. Steve, Fr. Jerry, Fr. Brian, Joan Conway, Christa Rivers, Terry Braun, Tim Macik, Donna Carver, and Mary Nordstrom.

**Members absent:** Fr. John, Dave Reed, Ron Dobbs, Michelle Ridl, Deb Reitsma

**I.** Christa led us in our opening prayer and the recommitment to our AFC Vision Statement.

**II. Routine Agenda Items:**

- Minutes from 11/15/2012 were approved.
- Agenda was approved with modifications to change the order of items discussed.

**III. Review of Area Pastoral Council Committee Reports (APC)\***

- The minutes from the Area committees were reviewed and questions were addressed.
- The financial reports were reviewed.
- We also discussed the bulletin and the possibility of putting the parish calendars onto the websites. Mary will work with Sharon to get St. Patrick's and St. Thomas More's calendars onto their sites.

**IV. Information Items:**

1. The Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule was reviewed  
Wednesday, Feb. 13    12:00 noon    Church of St. Mary, Willmar  
                                  3:30 pm        Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer  
                                  5:30 pm        Church of St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian  
                                  5:30 pm        Church of St. Mary, Willmar  
                                  6:30 pm        Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi  
                                  7:00 pm        Church of St. Mary, Willmar (Spanish)  
                                  7:15 pm        Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

We discussed whether next year we want to consider offering a morning Mass on Ash Wednesday – around 7 or 7:30 am. Father Steve will take it into consideration when planning next year's schedule.

2. Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers will take place at each of the parishes during Lent:
  - St. Thomas More – Wednesday evenings
  - St. Mary – Thursday evenings
  - St. Patrick and Our Lady of the Lakes – Friday evenings
3. There will be a Consultative Planning Meeting on Hispanic Ministry on Saturday, February 16. This is open to all parishioners in the AFC. It is part of the process as the diocese creates a new Diocesan Plan for Hispanic Ministry.

**V. Discussion Items:**

1. Erin Wendt proposal on Small Christian Communities
  - Erin is a parishioner at the Church of St. Mary who is in her last semester of graduate studies in Pastoral Ministry and will be performing a field education experience. She is proposing that she would do some of the groundwork to begin the process of forming small Christian communities in our area faith community.
  - We discussed some of the different questions on how the communities might operate. We realize that the subcommittee would address some of these questions.
  - Erin will be giving updates to the Area Word Committee and Area Staff as she proceeds.

- The Council gave Erin its blessings and is excited for this project.
- 2. Idea proposal from Karen Baalson and forwarded from Area Word
  - Discussed bringing in the movie Restless Heart, the story of Saint Augustine. Concerns that were brought forward are the cost, our current (very full) calendar of activities, and the interest level the movie would generate. Due to these issues, we are not recommending this takes place. Father Steve will let Karen know that she can pursue with the recommendations given by the Area Word Committee, but that the Area will not be sponsoring it.
- 3. Idea proposal from Father Brian and forwarded from Area Service
  - Father Brian brought forward a recommendation from the Area Service Committee to show the video, Rain in a Dry Land on Sunday, February 16, from 4:30-6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary. The Council agreed with the Area Service Committee to show this video.
- 4. Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day
  - This play on the life of Dorothy Day is being offered in New Ulm and the diocese will pick up the cost. Their cost enables two performances to take place. We have been offered the opportunity to host the play so that it can be offered in the northern part of the diocese as well as in New Ulm. It will be performed on Tuesday, February 26 at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar.
- 5. Area Mission(s): March 3-7, English; March 10-14, Spanish
  - We discussed the planning being done. Passionist priest, Father Arthur Carrillo will be here to preach at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3 and to extend the invitation to people to attend each evening.
  - We will rotate the evening sessions, starting in Spicer on Monday, moving to Kandiyohi on Tuesday, and then to Willmar on Wednesday and Thursday.
  - The host parish will be responsible for hospitality after mission; however, the liturgical ministers will come from one of the other parishes in the AFC.
  - There is no Mass during the evening sessions. Father Arthur will make himself available for reconciliation each evening, and all of the priests will be available after the Mission on Wednesday evening since that is one of the sacraments being highlighted that night.
  - We discussed transportation. We are not going to hire busses. We will add a line to the bottom of the poster similar to: "Please call your parish office if you would like a ride or are willing to drive to the mission sessions."
  - We discussed the possibility of offering child care and decided that we will not be offering it during the mission sessions.
- 6. Area Mass at the Civic Center: May 19, 2013 – roles and responsibilities
  - We will most likely retain our Saturday Masses, but the Civic Center Mass will be the only Mass on Sunday.
  - We talked about the issue of the collection on that weekend. The current policy is that at Area Masses, we deposit the loose plate into the AFC account. Do we do that again, or should this Mass be handled differently? One suggestion was to allocate the loose plate back to the parishes using the same percentages as they contribute to the AFC budget.
- 7. AFC Goals and Objectives
  - Discussed revising our AFC Vision statement.
- VI. **Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 28 at the Church of St. Mary. (This is a date change due to Father Steve's schedule.)**

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