



**Catholic Area Faith Community of
Jesus Our Living Water
Area Pastoral Council Meeting - October 17, 2013
Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer**

MINUTES

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Members present: Christa Rivers, Ron Dobbs, Joan Conway, Terry Braun, Donna Carver, Dave Reed, Father Steve, Father Jerry, Father Jim, and Mary Nordstrom. Pat Malmgren attended as a guest. She will be sitting in for Dave Reed while he is in Florida. **Absent:** Tim Macik.

We began with opening prayer and a recommitment to our AFC Vision. The minutes from September 19 were approved, as was the agenda for tonight's meeting.

We reviewed the committee reports from the meetings held on October 1.

- Updated goals were submitted by the Area Service Committee. These and their purpose statement were approved by the council.
- Purpose statement and goals from the Area Word Committee were reviewed and there was a question as to which was their proposed purpose - "The purpose of the AWC is to discern, organize, and offer opportunities for people of all ages to become engaged and grow in their faith," or "Through our baptism, we have received a universal call to holiness to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all."
- Our financial reports from September were presented and reviewed.

Information Items

Diocesan Hispanic Assembly – Saturday, October 19 in Willmar.

Attendees from throughout the diocese will be attending to help create the Diocesan Plan for Hispanic Ministry.

Evening Prayer of Remembrance – Sunday, October 27 in Spicer. We remember our deceased parishioners, friends and family members.

Small Christian Communities *Taste and See Mini Retreat* – Sunday, November 10 in Willmar: anyone with questions or interest is encouraged to attend. More information about Small Christian Communities are on the AFC website.

Area Anointing Mass and Dinner – Thursday, November 21 in Willmar. We encourage everyone to come and get their spiritual flu shot! Mass begins at 10:30 and is followed by a sit-down Thanksgiving dinner served by the AFC staff. Reservations are needed so that we can have an accurate count for food.

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Discussion Items:

Review/Evaluate Time and Talent: Was well received. A large number were returned. Between 50-60 people completed the form online. The reports will be entered in the next week or so. Another benefit of the pre-printed forms was that people corrected phone numbers and email addresses.

APC Purpose Statement. We reviewed the purpose statement that we came up with last month. We made one change, and it now reads "The purpose of the Area Pastoral Council is to embrace, oversee and promote the vision of the area faith community."

APC Goals and objectives. Some suggestions are:

Look for ways to keep the new vision statement in front of people. A couple ideas are:

Coloring sheets of logo

Explain the meaning of the logo

Coffee cups with the vision/logo for each worship site. *Joan will get prices to Mary.*

Include the Vision statement in the bulletin.

Develop a schedule to invite members from standing committees to attend APC meeting and explain what is happening in their committee.

Read the book *Rebuilt* about an inner city church that has revitalized and reenergized itself. Suggestion that we read a chapter or two each month and do enrichment on it.

Include list of council and committee members in the bulletin

Unveiling of the Vision / End of the Year of Faith - November 23/24. We will celebrate the end of the Year of Faith by beginning on Saturday morning with a Mass at 8:30 am in St. Mary's chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until about 4:30 pm. We will be officially "unveiling" the Vision statement in each worship site and commissioning the assembly at each Mass. We are encouraging each worship site (parish) to have a special celebration after each Mass.

Meeting time during winter months. We will move our meetings to 6:30 pm starting in November.

Review and Discuss annual parish self-studies. We looked at the numbers from the past year. We discussed at what point we move young adults off of

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their parent's family registration. The ages of 21, 22, 25 were all discussed. No decision was made. Father Steve talked about how the numbers are only part of the story. He does encourage the Parish Administrative Councils and the staff to look at the reports to help identify our future budget and ministry needs.

Accomplishments of our AFC. Father Jerry pointed out how far we've come as an area faith community, and that we should celebrate that fact.

Pictorial Directory. The proofed book has been sent back to Lifetouch for printing. The delay is not Lifetouch's fault; the layout and submission was delayed getting to them. We regret and apologize for the delay.

Future agenda items:

- Book
- Review Goals and Objectives

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm at the Church of St. Patrick in Kandiyohi.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Nordstrom