

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Pastoral Council Meeting
November 20, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Father Steve, Father Jerry, Tim Macik, Ron Dobbs, Donna Carver, Joan Conway, Michelle Ridl, Pat Malmgren, Terry Braun, Christa Rivers, and Mary Nordstrom.

We began with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and recommitment to our Vision statement. Our October minutes and tonight's agenda were approved.

Pastor's Report

- Father Steve reported that we have made the budget adjustments due to Fr. Jim's move to Ortonville. These began November 1. He also gave an overview of Key Responsibility Areas (KRAs) and SMART goals that the staff is working on.
- He also indicated that the Area Stewardship Committee is almost in place. There is one more person who will be asked to join the group. He hopes that they can meet for the first time in December. Their first goal will be to define what are capital expenses (paid by the parishes) as opposed to budgeted expenses paid by the AFC.

Area Committee Reports

- One suggestion was to have AED training at the parishes again. We will pass this on to the Health Ministry Committee.
- Father Steve explained the term "out of sequence student" that was in the Area Word minutes. These are students who are new to the Faith Formation program even though they are beyond the normal age for First Communion and First Reconciliation.

Financial Reports

- We reviewed the October financial reports.

Discussion Items

- Temporary Mass schedule to begin January 1
 - **Option 1:** For January through May, continue with all eight Masses, but move the start time of the Sunday morning Masses in Willmar to 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am for the Spanish Mass. The benefit of this option is that it doesn't deter people from attending the consultation meetings due to them feeling that the decision has already been made. The disadvantage is that people will feel that if we don't make a change the priests are just fine and we don't need to make a change.

- **Option 2:** For January through May, eliminate the 4:00 pm Saturday evening Mass in Kandiyohi and have Kandiyohi and Lake Lillian alternate Sunday morning Masses at 8:15 am. The benefit to this is that it is better for our priests' health. The disadvantage is that could change the whole tone of the consultation meetings, with people attending upset or not attending as they may feel the decision for a permanent schedule has already been made.
- Discussions took place regarding the two options. Some of the concerns were around the winter driving for the priests as well as the numbers of people attending at each worship site. The recommendation of the APC was to go with a combination of both options - changing the Sunday morning Mass times in Willmar and also eliminate the Saturday afternoon Mass in Kandiyohi and have Kandiyohi and Lake Lillian alternate Sunday morning Masses at 8:15 am on a temporary basis as a Winter schedule and then proceed with the consultation meetings. Father Steve will take the recommendation under advisement and will sleep on it before a final decision is made.

Our next meeting date will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 30, as long as the St. Patrick's Administrative Council can move to Monday night.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nordstrom