

## Area Bereavement Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

Members Present: David Rivers, Helaine Bolter, Bernice Grabber-Tintes, Colleen Lindstrom, Pat Berg, and Beth Wepplo

Absent: Bunny Iverson, and Deb Gillis

Welcome, prayer

Recommitment to the Vision

Correction to membership roster made.

**Committee members invited to bring suggested names for future members to the next meeting.**

Discussion then held on possible titles or ideas for Fall Workshop. Several suggestions were: Walking Through the Grief Process, Preparing for the Death of a Love one, How to Move on after a Death, and evaluations asked for more from Fr. Steve, and something with children/grandchildren.

Several speakers were discussed: Laura Hern, Dean Johnson, Joyce Elkjer, and Fr. Steve.

Dates suggested for Workshop are October 18 or 25<sup>th</sup>.

David will speak to Dean Johnson, and Joyce Elkjer with Dean talking about Walking through the grief Process, and Joyce talking about Moving Forward. They will be offered a 200 dollar stipend.

Wellness portion will be offered again possibly being during registration time or before speakers begin. This detail will be discussed further at future meetings.

Looked at what other Catholic Churches are offering for Bereavement Programs. Also looked at what we currently offer and what we feel we do well. We send Sympathy cards, Hold and Evening of Remembrance, prayer shawl, and the annual workshop.

Plan to once again take to all area parishes the tag board showing our ministry along with care cards, resource pamphlet, and samples of Prayer Shawls. **Committee asked to bring calendars to meeting so we are prepared to sign up for this ministry looking at dates in late May.**

Next meeting will be March 11 at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Lindstrom