

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
May 7, 2013, 7 pm
St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian

- I. Evening began with group prayer, Mission Vision, and remarks by Fr. Steve Verhelst
 - II. Members present: Monica Amaral, Doug Wilkowske, Barb Stahl, Helaine Bolter, and welcome to our new member Sherry Mace, representing the Church of St. Mary.
 - III. Minutes from February 5, 2013, approved with correction; agenda - addition: Homelessness.
 - IV. Discussion and information items:
 - 1. Fr. Brian reviewed the Goal & Objectives Draft, March 2013 of the Area Service Committee. The Service Group will meet in early August, 2013 to work on the Goals & Objectives.
 - 2. Monica shared and explained the different ways that we are striving to work together as an Area Service group within our four parish worship sites.
 - 3. Sherry expressed her thanks for the numerous different Social Justice opportunities available.
 - 4. Bereavement Workshop was well received; Speaker Dr. Ted Bowman was excellent, well organized and the committee is meeting and looking at opportunities for the upcoming year.
 - 5. The video "Rain in a Dry Land," along with a presentation was hosted at the Church of St. Mary on Feb 17th. Doug shared that they were pleased with the attendance and had great discussion and a Somali woman from St. Cloud was available to answer questions. Suggested that the video be shared with all four parishes. The video is located at St. Mary's office and available to anyone wishing to view. Doug shared that the Social Justice Issues Focus Group, Willmar Area has met and will be sharing ideas of their topics in the coming months.
 - 6. Discussion on the bulletin corner "Did You Know", that share thoughts, ideas on each given month's theme. Members volunteered for each month.
 - 7. Prison Ministry. Discussion was held regarding offering an REC (Residents Encounter Christ) retreat; it was recommended that the Idea Form be presented to this group. Once that is received, the committee can review the proposal before making a recommendation to the APC.
 - 8. Vision Statement. Shared ideas with Fr. Steve.
- Future Agenda items to include: Homelessness; Jail Ministry; Warm the Children; "Did You Know"; Goals & Objectives

Respectfully submitted,
Helaine Bolter