

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
March 3, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
Church of St. Thomas More

- I. Evening began with group prayer, Vision, and remarks by Fr. Steve Verhelst, Pastor.
- II. Members present: Monica Amaral, Laura Brown, Barb Stahl and Helaine Bolter, and unable to attend Doug Wilkowske
- III. Discussion and information items:

A Homelessness. Reported that the Family Promise of Kandiyohi County gave a presentation to the Area Pastoral Council on February 25, 2014. They presented an overview of how the Family Promise would work in our area. They are hoping to begin in July. The recommendation of the Area Pastoral Council after discussion was for the AFC to remain a support congregation at this time.

The Area Service committee is proposing to establish a sub-committee of four to six persons that would serve as the contact from our Area Faith Community for Family Promise. Names of persons to be submitted at our May meeting as possible members of this group.

Some responsibilities for this group could be to obtain volunteers as requested by a Host church; attend the Family Promise meetings for information, when necessary and etc.

The Service committee presented an article on homelessness in the Lenten Fiat. The article shared about the homeless in Kandiyohi County and the two programs being proposed as solutions to chronic homelessness: Safe Harbors and Family Promise.

B. March Food Drive: The flyer for the Willmar Area Food Shelf was placed in the Lenten Fiat and has been distributed to each of the area parishes.

Requested that the letter size envelopes with a descriptive label from the information of the flyer be made up, much like last years and be placed in the entrances of each parish for people to pick up during the month of March.

C. Goals and Objectives. They were completed at the February meeting and are ready to be submitted to the Area Pastoral Council for consideration.

D. Budget for the Area Service Committee and the sub committees that are part of the Service Committee. The established budget was reviewed and was agreed that staff work with Administration.

E. "Did You Know..." For the March bulletins the 2014 Fact Sheet of Minnesota Food Share which was distributed by the Minnesota Catholic Conference are being placed in the bulletin.

- IV. Future Agenda Items:
 - a. "Did You Know"
 - b. Homelessness Sub-committee

Respectfully submitted, Helaine Bolter, Staff