

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
April 7, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Church of St. Thomas More Lake Lillian, MN

- I. Evening began with group prayer, and remarks by Fr. Steve Verhelst.
Father also expressed his thanks and appreciation to all that participated in any way in the Chrism Mass along with the Holy Week celebrations.
- II. Members present: Doug Wilkowske, Barb Stahl, Monica Amaral, Helaine Bolter. Laura Brown was unable to attend
- III. Discussion and information items:
 - A. The March Food Shelf report. There was a presentation to the Willmar Area Food Shelf in the amount of \$4,376.00 of that \$2,792.00 came from the Tithing Fund. In addition, St. Thomas More participated in the "pack the truck" in Lake Lillian. We are aware that checks were mailed directly to the WAFS.
Suggested that we are in need of doing more PR on the March Food Drive and we need to do further evaluation for the coming year.
 1. Handouts were distributed: "Hope For Our City" about food give away every Saturday. Other opportunities of food distribution would be the produce truck that comes once a month to the WAFS. Discussion that this information should be included in the bulletin and the FIAT.
 - B. Did You Know? For bulletin in April and May. Barb will prepare for April on Child Abuse Prevention. For information there will be a workshop to be held on April 28 at St. Mary on Alzheimer Awareness sponsored by the West Central Mental Health May is Mental Health.
 - C. Membership. Suggest that each member review and bring suggestions of person that may be interested in being a member of this committee or have an interest in the Bereavement Sub-Committee.
 - D. Budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Reviewed and discussed the present budget.

E. Sub Committee reports:

- a. Bereavement: Discussion: on a gathering of Widow/Widowers and the upcoming Fall workshop.
- b. Health Ministry: they met earlier in the day and there was no formal report
- c. Family Promise: The Board of Directors reported that they are searching for Director of Services; will be renovating the Day Center at the Presbyterian church; have set a target date of August 1 to open for service.

Doug will be making a presentation to the Faith Formation student in Grades 7 & 8 at St. Mary on Weds. April 8 on Family Promise and homelessness.

Being that our Area Faith Community is a partner with Bethel Lutheran church to be a Host congregation, question was asked who and how will be the first contacts as to our role as a host congregation.

A. Future Agenda Items:

1. "Did You Know"
2. Report from the Sub-committees
3. Membership of the Area Service Committee

Respectfully submitted,
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