

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
January 8, 2013
7 pm Our Lakes of Lakes, Spicer

- I. Evening began with group prayer, Mission Vision, and remarks by Mary Nordstrom
 - II. Members present: Monica Amaral, Doug Wilkowske, Barb Stahl, Helaine Bolter
 - III. Minutes from October 30, 2012 were approved as presented along with the agenda.
 - IV. Discussion and information items:
 1. Evaluation of the Giving Tree & Holiday Basket was held. It was reported that there was great response for donations from all parishes which were all gathered at St. M and sorted, inventory, and packed per requests from all parishes. The baskets were then distributed/or picked up by the recipients. The remaining donations were then delivered to the WAFS and they were to distribute among the Link and themselves. It was shared the disappointment of OLOL Spicer not having their Angel Tree.
 2. Poverty Awareness: Recommended that we request to have a "Did You Know" sentence in the bulletin. This comes from the Area Service goals and objectives to bring awareness of the monthly themes of Social Justice and Service and cultural diversity that have been established in our community and in our area. Fr. Brian & Doug will make contacts for information and make the suggestions and preparing the bulletin info.
 3. Cultural Diversity Fr. Brian is a member of the WC Integration Collaborative and shared that in our area there are approximately 4,700 Hispanic and 2,500 Somalians.
 4. Upcoming calendar items: Pro Life rally will be held in St. Paul January 22, 2013. Announcement is in our area bulletin regarding bus transportation from our area. The Area Bereavement Workshop is scheduled for February 23, 2013 at Church of St. Mary from 8:30-12noon. Details including letter and posters will be distributed first of February to are church, nursing homes, the hospitals, area ministerial ass'n, etc.
 5. Area Service Committee goals and objectives will be reviewed at the next meeting in February.
 6. We were reminded to write our faith stories and submit them to Fr. Steve
 7. An Idea Form was presented by Fr. Brian with the Community Social Concerns discussion group what like to offer the video "Rain in a Dry Land" as a presentation in the Spring as part of the Community Social Concerns series of presentation throughout the year. Also would like to see if people could pick up the video from. here for viewing. The Area Service Committee makes a recommendation to the Area Pastoral Council to show this video "Rain In A Dry Land" on February 17 at 4:30 -6:00 pm
 8. Bob Enos has requested to address the Service Committee. It was recommended to have Bob fill out an Idea Form and return to Mary Nordstrom. Fr. Brian will communicate this to him.
- Future Agenda Items to include: Goals & Objectives; "Did You Know", DVD recommendation; Bereavement Workshop and the Month of March subject "Hunger" .

Respectfully submitted,
Helaine Bolter