

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
February 5, 2013
7 pm Church of St. Mary, Willmar

- 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
- III. Minutes from January 8, 2013 were approved as presented along with the agenda.
- IV. Discussion and information items:
 1. "Did You Know" corner in the bulletin. Discussed and has been accepted that the Area Service Committee will prepare a sentence bringing awareness of the theme (s) of that month that have been established in our community and area. Doug Wilkowske and Fr. Brian have agreed to provide these statement to be placed in our area bulletin the first week of the month, if possible.
 2. Review and detail for the Area Bereavement Workshop, February 23 were shared and a request for volunteers.
 3. Announced that the presentation of "Rain In A Dry Land will be held at Church of St. Mary on February17 from 4:30- 6 p.m. A Somalian womea will be present to share her story and the work she does here in our community with the Somalian people. This program is provided in conjunction with the W.C. Coalition of Church on Social Justice in our area to bring social issues forward in the community.
 4. Announced that there will be a one women presentation on the Life of Dorothy Day at Church of St. Mary on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in conjunction with the Diocese of ;New Ulm.
 5. Month of March is "Hunger Month." Suggested that we contact the Willmar Area Food Shelf. We could use their posters to share with our people what their donation of funds can acquire in food. Suggested that we place some type of envelope by the poster for them to place their donation to the WAFS
 6. Month of April is: Child Abuse; and Alzheimer Awareness month.
Each member to be mindful of this and be watchful of what is being done in each of these areas.
 7. Goals & Objectives. The committee reviewed and made suggestions to changes to the October 2010 SERVICE Goals & Objectives. Prior to out next meeting we will bring the suggestions and will continue to review them. Suggested that we attempt to determine the: Social Concerns leadership needs; expand the service committee membership.
 8. Jail Ministry. Monica will make contact with the person doing this ministry to inquire what type of needs that there may be from our Service committee.
 9. Fr, Brain shared regarding the Homelessness in our area. There are two groups involved in Homelessness: The Family Promise; and Safe Harbors.
 10. We will continue to receive reports on this in our area. Pack 4 has just published a very long pack of information on services that are available in our area. Father will share this information with all those interested.
 11. Fr. Brian announced and invited all of us to the Consultative Assembly to the Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of New Ulm which is being held at the Church of St. Mary on February16 beginning at 9 am

Future Agenda Items to include: Goals & Objectives review of 3 &4; "Did You Know"; Bereavement Workshop; the Month of April Child Abuse & Alzheimer Awareness; follow up on the Video;

Respectfully submitted,
Helaine Bolter