

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
February 4, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lakes

- I. The evening began with group prayer, Vision, and remarks by Fr. Steve Verhelst, Pastor.
- II. Members present: Monica Amaral, Doug Wilkowske, Laura Brown, Helaine Bolter, and unable to attend Barb Stahl.
- III. Discussion and information items from agenda:
 - a. Homelessness
 - i. The Area Service Committee wishes to propose to the Area Pastoral Council that as an Area Faith Community we participate at the Host Parish level in a homelessness program as outlined by Family Promise of Kandiyohi County (FPKC).
 - ii. The Area Service Committee suggests that FPKC members be invited to outline their plans to the APC and other attendees as decided by the APC at their February 20, 2014 meeting, for the purpose of gaining a deeper understanding of Host Parish expectations for the following
 1. Securing volunteers
 2. Financial commitments
 3. Time commitments (longevity of program)
 4. Facility needs
 5. Other questions from members of the APC
 - iii. We also suggest
 1. FPKC make presentations as deemed necessary at Lenten Soup Supper Programs in our area parishes during the month of March.
 2. An area committee with representatives from each parish be appointed to
 - a. Promote and inform parishioners about the Family Promise program as well as other existing plans of assistance to the homeless
 - b. Recruit an area parishioner to become a volunteer coordinator for the program
 - c. Discuss and consider the feasibility of obtaining financial and volunteer resources within the

- area parish in regard to Family Promise and/or other ongoing programs for the homeless
- d. Oversee all area parish homelessness programs and report findings to the Area Service Committee and the APC
 - b. Lenten Fiat Newsletter—An article on Social Awareness that covers the months March through June was reviewed. An article on Homelessness will be submitted.
 - c. March Food Drive—A flyer was submitted on the food drive. It was suggested that it be placed in the upcoming FIAT along with being placed in our area gather areas.
 - d. Goals & Objectives for the Area Service Committee were reviewed and approved by the committee as submitted. This document will be submitted to the Area Pastoral Council for their consideration.
 - e. Also shared that each of our councils in the area parish approved a second collection be taken up on Ash Wednesday for the Safe Harbor Program (an existing plan to serve emergency homelessness needs)
 - f. Discussion was held on the need to expand our membership on this committee. Contacts will be made.
 - g. Future Agenda items include:
 - i. “Did You Know”
 - ii. Homelessness program informational presentations

Respectfully submitted,
Helaine Bolter