

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water  
Area Service Committee Minutes  
October 7, 2014 @ 7:00 pm  
Church of Our Lady of Lakes, Spicer, MN

- I. Evening began with group prayer, Vision, and remarks by Mary Nordstrom.
- II. Members present: Barb Stahl, Doug Wilkowske, Monica Amaral, Laura Brown and Helaine Bolter
- III. Discussion and information items:
  - A. Membership and election: Monica agreed to continue as the Chairperson. To complete the membership names were suggested and they will be contacted and if they agree their names to be submitted to the pastor. We are in need of one from St. Mary and St. Thomas More and two from St. Patrick.
  - B. Mass schedule discussion. Saturday evening mass suggested to rotate; possible to eliminate the 5 pm at OLOL; weekday mass, could there be a Word/Communion Service;
  - C. Did You Know? Corner in bulletin for the month of November. Subjects: Warm the Children, (Helaine); Hospice, ( Laura).
  - D. Holiday Basket was tabled until the November meeting. Discussion on the Angel Tree at OLOL for the Head Start Program.
  - E. Family Promise: Doug reported that the Board of Directors has been organized and Doug has volunteered to serve on the Board.

After discussion the Area Service Committee recommends that the Area Faith Community partner with Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar as a Supporting Congregation to their Host Congregation. Bethel would serve as host church four times a year for a one week period of time. The board of Directors has announced that the week of October 13-19 will be Family Promise week in this area.

We recommend to use the publication entitled "An Exciting Announcement to Launch Plan" an insert in the area parish bulletin. That we also include on that piece a listing of the Support & Host Congregations and any other further information to share regarding homelessness in our area.

Also place information in the “Did You Know?” column.

- F. Area Sub Committee on Homelessness. The Areas Service committee has proposed to establish a sub-committee of four persons that would serve as the contact from our Area Faith Community for Family Promise. There are two persons that have indicated an interest in serving . Doug indicated that he will make contact with them and others mentioned. Some responsibilities for this group to contact volunteers and listing of members who would be willing to be called upon to help as requested.
- G. Reported: 2014 Bereavement Workshop Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Church of St. Mary  
Evening of Remembrance, Sunday, November 2, 2014 at the Church of St. Mary
- H. SPOTLIGHT. Short discussion and sharing of ideas. Looking at our Goals established and to cover the various ministries and activities of the Service Committee. Suggestions: Disability, Bereavement, Prison, Holiday Baskets, Food Drive, Giving Tree, Tithing, Health ministry and etc. Further discussion and planning to continue in November.

- IV. Future Agenda Items:
  - a. “Did You Know”
  - b. Homelessness Sub-committee
  - c. Membership of the Service Committee
  - d. Spotlight

Respectfully submitted,  
Helaine Bolter, Staff