

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water  
Area Service Committee Minutes  
January 7, 2014, 7:00 pm  
Church of St. Mary, Willmar, MN

- I. 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:
  1. Area Holiday Baskets/Warm Winter Item Project. Reported that we distributed over 70 food baskets to families in our four parishes. Along with the food, the warm winter items that were donated were distributed to The Link in the Spicer/New London area and to the Child Guide Programs in the Willmar Schools. Also the cash that was donated was distributed to those who could use a little extra help in our faith communities. Extend a thank you to the Area for their support of the Holiday Basket Program.
  2. Discussion was held on Homelessness and our need to develop the core group consisting of members from each of our area faith community parishes to help communicate and share with our parish members about homelessness in Kandiyohi County.
  3. "Did you Know" corner in the bulletin for the month of February "Cultural Diversity". Monica and Laura submit the article.
  4. Goals & Objectives for the Area Service Committee were reviewed and suggestions were made and approved by the committee. This document will be updated and submitted to the Area Pastoral Council for their consideration.
  5. Discussion was held on the Spring Fiat Newsletter. Was suggested an article on Social Awareness that covers the months March through June. Doug will submit information on Homelessness.
  6. Discussion was held on the need to expand our membership on this committee. Contacts to be made.
- IV. Future Agenda items to include: "Did You Know"; Homelessness; Fiat; March Food Drive; Goals & Objectives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helaine Bolter