

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Service Committee Minutes
October 5, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer MN

- I. Evening began with group prayer, and remarks by Fr. Steve Verhelst.
Our enrichment was the continuation of the Pope Francis Effect DVD.
- II. Members present: Doug Wilkowske, Barb Stahl, Monica Amaral, Helaine Bolter. Laura Brown was unable to attend
- III. Discussion and information items:
 - A. Membership was discussed. Was concluded that with prayer and reflection we each bring to our next meeting suggestions of persons to be presented for acceptance.
 - B. Monica agreed to remain as our chairperson for the coming year.
 - C. Did You Know? For bulletin in October: Topic is Alzheimer and we will highlight the presentation on "Know the Ten Signs of Alzheimer's/Dementia" which will be held at St. Mary on Oct.27. November the topic is: Warm the Children (Helaine) and Family Promise (Doug) . December will be the Holiday Basket Program.
 - D. Willmar Area Food shelf is offering a "Hunger Luncheon", at the MinnWest Campus on October 22. Doug, Mary Wilkowske and Helaine Bolter will attend.
 - E. Heartland Community Action is holding a Poverty Experience at the E- Free Church of November 14
 - F. Announced that the Widow-Widower Gathering in August went well and the Bereavement Sub- Committee will hold a follow-up session on Friday October 23 with the group that attended.
 - G. Family Promise: Doug reported that the week of Oct 11-18 will be hosted by the Area Faith Community/Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar. FP has hired a director and now will interview for a part time Case Mgr. The Presbyterian Church has remodeled there third floor where the office, day center and showers and other needs are being housed for Family Promise. The training session has been held with approximately 30 volunteers. At this time the need for help is on Sat. 9-5 and Sun 12- 5 pm. The Web site is FPKC or face book and search for Family Promise. We are using the FP beds; ten quilts were donated by Bethel and ten from St. Mary Group.

There will be a \$20,000 Matching Fund Raiser from October 1 – January 1, 2016 .

H. Announced that the Area Holiday Basket program will be held Dec. 14-17, 2015. Discussion was held about the program and was decided that we will do what we have done in the past year. Decision that Helaine will put the information together and distribute to all four area worship sites .

The information will first be available by Thanksgiving Day.

A. Future Agenda Items:

1. Holiday Basket Program
2. Family Promise
3. Membership of the Area Service Committee
4. Review the Purpose Statement
5. Widow-er Report
6. Alzheimer's report

Respectfully submitted,
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