

**Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Stewardship Committee Meeting
February 5, 2015**

Present: Father Steve, Mary Jo Schmoll, Ron Hennes, Sharrie Follmann, Steve Maher, and Mary Nordstrom.

We began with opening prayer, recommitment to our AFC Vision and introductions.

Pastor's report: Father Steve had no report.

AFC financial reports:

1. We reviewed the AFC financial reports for January, explaining what is included in some of the line items and why some variances to budget exist.
2. We discussed the upcoming budget process and the goal to keep it as flat as possible.
3. We came up with a draft purpose statement, *The purpose of the Area Stewardship Committee is to prepare and oversee the area budget and its finances, and to make recommendations to the pastor regarding personnel policies, salaries, benefits and staffing levels.* We will review it at the next meeting to see if it seems to fit.
4. We had a lengthy discussion on how to define parish expenses that are not part of the AFC budget, but did not come up with a good answer. It will be discussed next month.

Some of the thoughts:

- a) Major expenses of the physical plant (church/rectory)
- b) What about things like furniture, A/V equipment – are they part of the physical plant?
- c) What would our dollar threshold be to define “major” expenses? For some repairs/replacements, the larger parishes’ expenses would always be above that and therefore be faced with more expenses out of the parishes’ funds?

Next meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 pm at the Church of St. Mary.