

**The Catholic Area Faith Community of
Jesus Our Living Water**
All Committee Meeting - Word Committee Meeting
May 7, 2013
7:00-8:30 PM at St. Thomas More

I. Welcome:

At the prayer service

II. Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was from Vatican II – Prayer to the Holy Spirit and our AFC Vision Statement.

III. Housekeeping:

After opening prayer a few announcements were made.

Present: Joe Groshens, Ron Skjong, Diane Pyka, Erin Wendt and Diane Cronen.

Absent: Randy Suter

Welcomed new members: Debbie Becker (LOLO) and Pat Laib (temporarily taking Marv Lucas' place)

IV. Reviewed of Minutes and Agenda:

V. Discussion Items:

1. Goals and Objective

- A. Talked about the purpose of the AFC Word Committee – Faith Formation from cradle to grave.
- B. AFC Faith Formation coordinators presented a revised Goals & Objectives for upcoming year.
 - Word committee members made some changes – will make these changes and send a copy to Mary Nordstrom, Fr. Steve and committee members.
- C. Suggestion: Goals & Objective for upcoming year be permanently on the agenda to help the group stay on track in accomplishing the goals in the noted timeframe.
- D. The revised Goals & Objectives will be presented to the APC for approval.

2. Small Christian Communities

- A. A subcommittee of 12 members from all four parishes makes up the planning committee.
- B. The format for the SCC will be the readings for the upcoming Sunday using the same book RCIA uses *At Home with the Word*.
- C. The concept for the SSC is to build up the Church from within
 - The SCC groups will stay together for an entire year
 - Come together a couple of times as a Church for speakers
 - SCC will be 8-10 members
- D. The vision of the SCC is: Invite and empower people to live their faith as Christians.
- E. The mission of the SCC is: Small Christian communities invite and empower power to live their faith as Christians by providing opportunities for faith and life to meet, by helping people find their voice and articulate their faith, and by strengthening and building up the Church from within.

3. **Speaker Events**
 - A. Talked about what type of tool will be used to collect information for future speakers.
 - Survey Monkey
 - Pew cards
 - Or combination of both
 - B. Committee members will come up with questions for the survey.
 - Send to Diane Cronen by May 29th and she will compile the questions.
 - C. Committee members will meet for a brainstorming session on Tuesday, June 11th at 7pm at St. Patrick.

4. **Election of Officers**
 - A. Need to nominate a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
 - Will contact Randy Suter to see if he is interested in being chairperson again.
 - Will fill these positions prior to starting up in the fall.
 - Diane Pyka has agreed to be the Secretary for 1 year only.

5. Fr. Steve talked about the new Vision statement.

IX. Next Meeting:

Our group will be meeting on Tuesday, June 11th to discuss questions for our survey.

The All Committee kickoff for the 2013-2014 year will be Tuesday, September 3rd.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Cronen, recorder on 5-8-13