

**The Catholic Area Faith Community of
Jesus Our Living Water**
All Committee Meeting - Word Committee Meeting
January 8, 2013
7:00-8:30 PM at Our Lady of the Lakes

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:

At the prayer service with a brief overview of the upcoming Mission in March.

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

Absent: Eileen Wallace and Marv Lucas

Guest speaker: Christine Pinto

IV. Reviewed of Minutes and Agenda:

The Minutes approved as written by Erin Wendt and second by Joe Groshens.

The topic of Small Christian Communities was added to the Agenda. The agenda was approved.

V. Discussion Items:

1. Evaluate the Advent Speaker Event
 - A. The evaluations were for the most part favorable.
 - B. Several questions were brought up at different meetings
 - How to bring more people to these events
 - What topics do people want – people either liked or disliked the subject of Vatican II and/or the speaker
 - Do we need a different format?
 - Have these events more often with a different approach or format to reach different age groups and more people
 - C. Talked about using Survey Monkey as a tool to poll people for suggestions on topics, type of speakers and other items of interest for these events.
 - D. At April's meeting come up with target groups and ways of finding what topics people are interested in for next year's events.
 - E. How can we improve advertising and announcements?
2. Evaluate January gathering for all Area catechists
 - A. Good response
3. Area Mission – March 4-7
 - A. Our role will be meet, greet and help.

4. Proposal from Karen Baalson – “Restless Heart” movie
 - A. Randy Suter will write our recommendation to the APC.
 - B. We feel it is a good idea with a few obstacles to overcome.
 - The event is not in the budget so the funding will need to come from other sources. We came up with a couple of suggestions for Karen Baalson to pursue.
 - Finding a place to show this movie that will be appealing and comfortable.
 - Dr. Jannings was suggested as a possible person to contact for the place.

5. Comprehensive Youth Ministry – Christine Pinto
 - A. A power point presentation was given on “What Comprehensive Youth Ministry” is.
 - B. Suggestions on how a Faith Community responds to the needs of their youth.
 - C. We were given information on each parish and their involvement in youth events.
 - D. One of Christine’s goals this year is establishing a team of volunteers from the parishes to assist her in bringing Comprehensive Youth Ministry to our AFC.

6. Review Area Word Committee goals and objective
 - A. This topic will be discussed at the February meeting.

7. Writing stories of faith
 - A. The invitation to share our faith stories will continue till October 2013.

8. Small Christian Community
 - A. This topic will be discussed at the February meeting.

VI. Future Agenda Items:

1. Next section of Goals and Objectives
2. Small Christian Communities
3. Membership

IX. Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, 2013

X. Closing Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Cronen, recorder on 1-9-13.