

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area Word Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

7pm – Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Joint agenda

- I. Opening Prayer – The Holy Spirit Prayer from Vatican II
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Housekeeping
 - a. Various announcements about upcoming events, i.e., Mission in March, Lent, Confirmation, Dorothy Day One person play and the Area Pentecost Mass
 - b. Present: Joe Groshens, Diane Pyka, Erin Wendt, Randy Suter and Ron Skjong
 - c. Absent: Diane Cronen, Eileen Wallace and Marv Lucas

Committee specific agenda

- IV. Minutes of January 8, 2013 meeting approved – no additions to the agenda
- V. Discussion Items
 1. Small Christian Communities - Erin Wendt presented a power point presentation about the organizing and implementing of Small Christian Communities in our area faith community. She asked each member of the AWC to give her names to form a subcommittee. Names are to be given to her by February 13 and she will begin recruiting people for the subcommittee. She will direct the subcommittee in visioning, organizing and implementing SCC's in the area in the fall of 2013.
 2. Reviewed the section of Goals/Objective sheet focusing on collaboration and shared opportunities for children and youth. Corrected much of the outdated language (non area type language), objective added was to form a Comprehensive Youth Ministry Team including adults and youth (with input from Christine Pinto), all objectives with a timeline to be completed by Fall, 2014. Added Comprehensive Youth Ministry Team to 'Participants-Parties Responsible' column. All committee members were charged with the responsibility to come to the April meeting with new ideas for the committees' Goals and Objectives. A fresh look at the existing form was also suggested – updating to more realistically reflect the concept of Area. All AWC members were reminded of the importance of remembering the Area Concept in all areas of ministry.

3. Confirmation – Sunday, February 10 at St. Mary’s. Sixty youth will be confirmed and all preparations are in place.
 4. Vacation Bible School – For the first time, our area will have a common VBS program. The same Our Sunday Visitor (Group) VBS program will be used at OLOL and St. Mary’s during the first two weeks of June – first week at OLOL and the second week at St. Mary’s.
 5. Membership – OLOL is in need to two members for the AWC. Marv Lucas (undergoing medical treatment) wants to continue on the committee but we need someone to temporarily replace him on the committee. Because of personal reasons, Eileen Wallace no longer wishes to be on the committee and potential names for a new member will be given to Fr. Steve in the near future.
 6. Future Speaker Events Discussion – the discussion focused on how best to determine what types of speakers people want. Using the services of Survey Monkey was discussed, Joe Groshens will find out the cost of using this service and at the April meeting, all members are requested to present ideas for questions and how to include all demographics in the survey process.
- VI. Future Agenda Items
1. Goals and Objectives
 2. Future Speaker Events
 3. Small Christian Communities update
 4. Membership
- VII. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting on Tuesday, April 2 beginning at 7pm at St. Patrick’s.

Submitted by Ron Skjong