

**Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water**

Area WORD Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

7:00 pm – Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi

**Joint Agenda**

**Opening Prayer** to the Holy Spirit

**Recommitment to our Vision** – *Sharing the life of Christ ~ Being the love of Christ*

**Pastor's Report** – Father Steve report that there are no Area Committee meetings until September and the Summer Mass Schedule begins May 31/June 1, 2014.

**Area Word Member Present:** Randy Suter, Aurora McCleary, Joe Groshens, Diane Cronen, Debbie Becker, Pat Laib, Diane Pyka and Ron Skjong

**Review of Minutes and Agenda**

**Committee Specific Agenda**

**Youth Ministry Team Report** - Christine Pinto presented an update on the Youth Ministry Team; their history, purpose, goals and hope; ideas from youth and action plans for going forth. She shared an information sheet from NCYC called "Engaging a New Generation" which presented the characteristics of our youth today and a suggested response for Faith Formation Directors to their needs. A motion was made and seconded to approve of the Youth Ministry Update as presented by Christine.

**Faith Formation Curriculum** – the Area Catechetical Leaders represented by Ron and Diane presented their recommendations for 2014-2015 through their handouts: Area Faith Community Curriculum; Curriculum Components/Values (3); Home School Faith Formation Guidelines; and New to Faith Formation or Seeking the Sacraments Guidelines. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations presented.

**Update on Faith Formation staffing** – Father Steve informed us that job applications for the various Faith Formation position were turned in, and interviews have been completed – the decision on new staffing will be announced soon. At this time there have been no applications for the full time Hispanic/Adult Formation position.

**Small Christian Communities Update** – Erin Wendt provided a written report that was handed out. Pat Laib and Diane Cronen reported that their experience of Small Christian Communities were favorable. There will be opportunities to start new Small Christian Communities in the fall.

**Adult Survey Results** – committee discussed our role in going forward. It was decided to meet on June 10 at St. Patrick's at 6 PM to develop a comprehensive plan for Adult Faith Formation using the survey results for 2014-2015. Father Steve urged the committee to keep in mind our primary focus to help people be formed in their faith, continues to be Small Christian Committees, the Sunday Eucharist and the sacraments. We need to keep discussing how these fit into the big picture and how do we promote them.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Faith Formation staffing  
Plan for Adult Formation  
Youth Ministry Team Report

**Meeting Adjourned**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2014

Submitted by Diane Pyka