

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area WORD Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

6:30 pm – Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi

Joint Agenda

Opening Prayer – Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Recommitment to our Vision

Pastor's Report

Video "*Homeless in Kandiyohi County*"; Handout from Family Promise "*Typical Host Week*"; Presentation by Father Steve on request from Family Promise to AFC to ask our support of this program either as host parishes or support parishes. Father Steve asked the committees to add it to their agenda tonight and ask for a volunteer/s to work with the Area Service Committee for further discussion.

Father Steve mentioned the following calendar dates: 11/10/13 Small Christian Communities Taste and See Retreat at St. Mary's from 12-2:30 pm; 11/21/13 AFC Anointing of the Sick Mass with Noon meal to follow at St. Mary's; 11/23 & 24/13 Vision Statement revealed and commissioning of parishioners at all Masses in all parishes.

Members Present: Randy Suter, Ron Skjong, Pat Laib, Debbie Becker, Diane Cronen, Joe Groshens and Diane Pyka

Members Absent: None

Review of Minutes and Agenda

Discussion Items:

Family Promise Proposal discussed. Volunteers to work with Area Service Committee from WORD are Diane Cronen and Joe Groshens. Ron Skjong will notify Service Committee.

Small Christian Communities – Sunday, November 10 Taste and See Retreat at St. Mary's in Willmar. The schedule has been revised and retreat will run from Noon to 2:30 pm. Lunch at 12:15 pm. This retreat is for parishioners to experience a Small Christian Communities and see how they operate. Registration is helpful for meal count.

Survey Monkey – a decision was made by the committee to use Google Docs Form and surveys in the pews to get input from adults in our AFC parishes on topics they would be interested in learning more about.

Joe Groshens will create the questionnaire from our final draft and email it to AWC members for review. Committee members should have comments back to Joe by 11/12/13 and Joe will send it to Mary Nordstrom by 11/15/13. Mary will create a new AWC Gmail account to use for the survey. Our time frame will be to get it out to parishioners the first week of December with a goal to present the results at our January meeting. Diane Cronen volunteered to tally the surveys.

Terms of Membership – Diane Pyka and Diane Cronen will update the current list of members and email it out to committee members.

Membership - Time and Talent survey did not give any names we could contact for positions open on our committee. Currently, we have one position open for St. Mary's and one position open for St. Thomas More. We will continue to ask parishioners in an attempt to fill these membership openings.

Future Agenda Items

1. Survey results from Google Docs form and pew survey
2. Membership openings
3. Update on Small Christian Communities
4. Update on Family Promise and Area Service discussions
5. Update on Area Faith Formation Curriculum Planning
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Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the Church of St. Mary, Willmar.

Submitted by Diane Pyka

AREA WORD COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Area Word Committee is to discern, organize, and offer opportunities for people of all ages to become engaged and grow in their faith.

Area Word Committee Goals and Objectives (revised April 2013)

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	TIMELINE(S)	PEOPLE INVOLVED
Collaborate and share opportunities for ministry to our children and youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of an Area Comprehensive Youth Ministry Team. • Develop a comprehensive model for area youth ministry. 	<p>Fall 2014</p> <p>Fall 2015</p>	<p>Area Youth Minister</p> <p>Directors of Faith Formation</p> <p>Pastor/Senior Associate Pastors</p> <p>AFC Administrator</p> <p>Area Word Committee</p> <p>Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry</p>
<p>Develop a common faith formation curriculum for the Area Faith Community youth– age preschool to 12th grade (high school)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop area faith formation guidelines for all sacramental preparation. • Collaborate to establish an area faith formation curriculum. 	<p>Fall 2014</p> <p>Fall 2014</p>	<p>Directors of Faith Formation</p> <p>Sacramental Coordinators</p> <p>Pastor/Senior Associate Pastors</p> <p>AFC Administrator</p> <p>Area Word Committee</p> <p>Catechists</p> <p>Diocesan Office of Faith Formation</p>
Develop and offer area adult faith formation opportunities for all adults from post secondary to Senior Citizen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Small Christian Communities. • Develop guidelines for adult faith formation opportunities. 	<p>Fall 2014</p> <p>January 2016</p>	<p>Directors of Faith Formation</p> <p>Pastor/Senior Associate Pastors</p> <p>AFC Administrator</p> <p>Area Word Committee</p> <p>Area Pastoral Council</p> <p>Small Christian Communities</p> <p>Parishioners</p> <p>Diocesan Office of Faith Formation</p>