

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

**Area Worship Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

7:00 p.m. Church of St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian

Present: Doug Bernhagen, Terry Brunson Tim Cayler, Joan Conway, Bev Egge, Larry Gunter, Tim Macik, David Rivers, and Fr. Steve Verhelst

Absent: Larry Gunter

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Pastor's Report
  - a. Homelessness – APC decided the AFC remain as a supporting entity, rather than a host parish (site) at this time, due to still growing into being an AFC.

**Committee-specific agenda**

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes and Agenda (minutes attached from 02/04/14)
  - a. Minutes approved as presented.
  - b. Added Recommitment to our Vision during the Easter Season
- V. Enrichment – Holy Thursday article/discussion (see below)
- VI. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Evaluate past celebrations/events
    - i. **Confirmation** – Confirmation seemed to go well. Each year some details are modified, and the celebration goes smoother each year. There were elements of Spanish in the liturgy. Some of the candidates participated actively. Two of the young people are now lectors at OLOL and St. Mary's.
  - b. Music Sub-Committee Report – Did not meet during February
  - c. Holy Thursday – There was considerable discussion about the article attached and how it could apply to our Holy Thursday ritual this year. The article gave an example where the parishioners wash each other's feet rather than having a priest wash the feet of several parishioners. St. Thomas More and St. Pat's have been having a joint Holy Thursday rite and have been using foot washing stations in a manner similar to the example. At St. Mary's and OLOL the priest has been doing the washing. Several suggestions were discussed, including asking Small Christian Communities to participate. It was decided that St. Pat's and St. Thomas More will continue as in the past. Fr. Steve and Tim Cayler will discuss the need with Erin Wendt regarding the participation of Small Christian Communities at St. Mary and OLOL and develop a plan accordingly.
  - d. Easter Vigil – April 19, 2014 at the Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer at 8:30 p.m.

- i. A list of suggested members has been received from OLOL which is the host worship site. Fr. Steve added other names. This group will meet during Lent to make sure all the details are handled.
- e. Additional Ritual Discussion
  - i. There is agreement that our Vision Statement needs reinforcement to keep it in front of the parishioners. Suggestions included: Finding music that emphasizes the mission, incorporating something into the Holy Thursday rite, something at the sign of peace, an addition to the entrance procession, utilizing the screens more (where available) and others. Tim will continue the discussion with Fr. Steve.
- f. Goals and Objectives – Previous meetings discussed the need to focus on a limited number of goals and objectives at a time in order to have a better chance of making progress. It was decided that for the next meeting we would like to have a 15 minute enrichment session on the Sacrament of Baptism to include the ritual and the reasons for the parts. We also would like some clarification on the reasons it is sometimes during Mass and sometimes separate. The committee also agreed to discuss the issues surrounding the various liturgical ministers at the next meeting, including enrichment, training, recruiting and leadership.

VII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Enrichment – Baptism
- b. Ministry Issues

Next Area Faith Committee Meetings will be Tuesday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Kandiyohi at the Church of St. Patrick.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music