

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

7:00 p.m. Church of St. Mary, Willmar

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

Absent: Chris Herman

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Upcoming AFC events/dates
 - a. January 24, 2015 Discipleship Retreat
 - i. RSVP by January 19 – call any parish office
 - b. February 15, 2015 Area Confirmation Mass

Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes (attached from 11/04/14)
 - a. Minutes approved as presented
- V. Review/Approval of Agenda
 - a. Added Discussion Item, Confirmation
- VI. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Advent/Christmas Evaluation (Discussion)
 - i. People like seeing parishioners bring the candle forward each Sunday of Advent
 - ii. We have completed the 3 year cycle of the gospels using the question and meditation at the beginning, continue with that, or time for a change?
 - iii. Christmas Eve
 1. 3:30 p.m. St. Mary's – around 1,000 in attendance, all went well
 2. 4:00 p.m. OLOL – around 1,000 in attendance, not use to that high number, but all went well
 3. 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's – around 800 in attendance, all went well, many compliments received regarding the prelude music
 4. 6:00 p.m. St. Patrick's – around 75 in attendance, numbers way down this year
 5. 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's – (Spanish) around 260 in attendance
 6. 9:00 p.m. St. Thomas More – around 75 in attendance
 - iv. Christmas Day
 1. 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – around 200 in attendance
 2. 9:30 a.m. OLOL – not certain of attendance
 - v. Suggested that next year St. Thomas More and St. Patrick's begin alternating Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, then the opposite the following

- year. This would mean then that there would be 5 Christmas Eve Masses and 3 Christmas Day Masses, with 2 priests.
- vi. Suggested for the future that the Worship Aid be designed with songs all set up in the back, like a hymnal so that a song can be used at any point in the liturgy. Move the AFC message, logo and a welcome statement on the inside cover.
- b. Area Discipleship Retreat (Discussion)
 - i. The committee's only role this day will be to participate, all else will be covered by the AFC Staff and retreat sub-committee
 - ii. How do we help get the number of participants to be great? Talk it up and personally invite those we know.
 - 1. Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Catechists, Musicians, Small Christian Community Participants, Parishioners
 - c. Lent/Easter (Discussion)
 - i. Suggestion to begin each Mass like during the Advent season. Give the assembly something to think about that relates to the gospel before Mass starts
 - ii. Will there be any attention given to the Scrutinies?
 - iii. What Mass Setting will be used?
 - 1. Tim Cayler is working with the Diocese on the Chrism Mass that is going to be hosted by Region 5, with this AFC being selected as the host and the Church of St. Mary being the site. He would like to coordinate the settings as the majority of people in attendance will be from this AFC.
 - iv. Need to be thinking of the plan for Stations of the Cross
 - 1. Tim is looking into putting together a Living Stations program that would be presented towards the end of Lent and as a means of preparation for Holy Week.
 - d. Chrism Mass (Discussion)
 - i. Tim is working with the Dioceses Office of Worship Director, Sr. Myriam Rose, A.C.J. and Nathan Knutson, Director and Consultant of Sacred Music for the Diocese and the Cathedral of New Ulm.
 - ii. Will be seeking musicians to create a choir for this liturgy
 - e. Sunday, February 15 Confirmation at the Church of St. Mary (Discussion)
 - i. Music will be led by an Adult Choir and other musicians
 - ii. Any other liturgical ministry roles needed will be contacted by office staff
 - f. Future Agenda Items
 - i. Confirmation
 - ii. Lent/Easter
 - iii. Chrism Mass – March 26, 2015, Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: **January 3, 2015**, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music