

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

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

Present: Terry Brunson, Tim Cayler, Joan Conway, Bev Egge, Larry Gunter, Larry Fujan, David Rivers, Fr. John Ekwoanya, Fr. Jerry Paulson and Fr. Steve Verhelst

Absent: Doug Bernhagen, Tim Macik

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Housekeeping
 - a. Area Pentecost Mass
 - i. After discussion with the Area Pastoral Council and Staff, it was decided to cancel the mass for this year and return to the regular scheduled masses at each of the worship sites.

Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes and Agenda (minutes attached from 1/8/13)
 - a. Approved as presented. Motioned by David Rivers, second by Joan Conway
 - b. Item added to the Agenda
 - i. Vision/Mission Statement discussion with Fr. Steve
 1. Suggestions: The Vision Statement needs to be short and succinct and expresses the big picture; gives focus and offers inspiration
 2. Mission Statement: How to carry out the Vision Statement
 - a. What do we do
 - b. Who do we do it for
 - c. How do we do what we do
 3. It was felt that the presented Vision Statement was more of the Mission Statement
 4. The word “humility” was too strong, carry’s baggage; suggestions to eliminate the word and state simply “gospel of Christ”
- V. Discussion Items
 1. Music Sub-Committee Report given by Tim Cayler
 - a. Discussed upcoming events: Confirmation, Lent, AFC Mission, Holy Week, Easter Vigil and the AFC Pentecost Mass.
 2. Review of AFC Celebrations
 - a. Confirmation – Sunday, February 17th, 2013 Church of St. Mary, Willmar 10:30 a.m.
 - i. Due to weather concerns for February 10th, the celebration was postponed a week
 - ii. Last minute changes needed to occur due to the fact that Lent had begun at this point, therefore, music selections changed, which then required new worship aids to be made; new certificates were also made because of the date change.
 - iii. Fr. Steve shared that a misunderstanding still is present of why these bigger celebrations are occurring at St. Mary’s rather than moving throughout the AFC. For Confirmation, it is all about the size of the worship space. On average, 60 students are confirmed each year, which means anywhere from 600-700 people attending this mass, St. Mary’s can accommodate this amount. Also, the Bishop confirms an AFC, rather than individual parishes, which means each AFC must

decide how to work with the event and all of the entities that play into the celebration. Fr. Steve suggested that Confirmation be held at OLOL next year, but the Faith Formation staff there believes they cannot accommodate the numbers.

- iv. Discussion occurred on the difficulty of finding ministers for the AFC celebration. Will discuss at a later time again.
- b. AFC Mission – March 4 – March 7 (English) March 11-14 (Spanish), 2013
 - i. Disappointment was expressed in regard to how the material was presented for the Mission.
- c. Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30th, 2013 Church of St. Mary, Willmar 8:00 p.m.
 - i. The committee members present thought it was a beautiful liturgy, inspiring and was well attended. The music was wonderful.
 - ii. Due to the fact that all of the RCIA candidates were from St. Mary's, was the reason why the celebration was held at St. Mary's.
- d. Discuss suggestions for recruiting ministers for area celebrations
 - i. It is difficult to find individuals to fill ministry positions for AFC celebrations, especially from parishes other than the host parish. It seems that the same individuals always agree to help, but with reluctance. There is concern that burn out will occur. It was suggested that all ministers come from the host parish, but not all committee members agreed this would be the way to bring the AFC together. Suggested to create a roster of willing individuals for AFC events.
 - ii. Discussion about recruiting, retaining, recognizing and teaching of Liturgical Ministers.
 - 1. Teaching Mass with Ministry Fair
 - 2. Personal invitation is always more effective
 - 3. Follow-up with the Time and Talent surveys
- e. AFC Worship Committee purpose, goals and objectives (need to be reviewed and updated)
 - i. Once the AFC Vision and Mission Statements are finalized, a stepping stone will be available for the committee to better create a purpose, goals and objectives
 - 1. A sub-committee will work on this over the summer: serving on the committee will be Terry Brunson, Tim Cayler, Joan Conway and David Rivers.
 - 2. Previous/existing purpose, goals and objectives will be used as a starting place
 - 3. The sub-committee will be ready to present to the worship committee in the fall.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- a. Catechesis of Liturgical Ministers
- b. Evening Prayer of Remembrance
 - i. 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 27th, 2013 at Church of Our Lady of the Lakes

VII. Adjournment

- a. Task assignments for Committee Members
 - i. Sub-committee to meet and draft purpose, goals and objectives

Next Area Faith Committee Meetings will be Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. in Willmar at the Church of St. Mary.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music