

## Area Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Present: Doug Bernhagen, Larry Gunter, Joan Conway, David Rivers, Bev Egge, Terry Brunson, Tim Cayler  
Absent : Larry Fujan

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Housekeeping

### Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Approval of Minutes from 5/1/2012
- V. Discussion Items
  1. Election of Larry Fujan to serve as Worship Committee Chair and Larry Gunter as Worship committee Vice-Chair
    - a. Terry Brunson will be serving as an OLOL Representative (need to add him to the email list)
  2. Area Evening Prayer for the Deceased
    - a. David Rivers suggested this evening be called “Evening Prayer of Remembrance” which the committee felt was more appropriate
    - b. Evening Prayer of Remembrance will be on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Kandiyohi at St. Patrick’s with Fr. Brian Mandel presiding
    - c. Tables will be set up in the Parish Hall where family members of the deceased can submit names and receive their votive candle for later use in the service. Staff members will be reading these names during the service and so will be at the table writing out the names in the hopes of having a more accurate pronunciation of the names being submitted. Mary Nordstrom will create the form used for submitting names.
    - d. Hospitality Ministers will be stationed at the entrances, giving out worship aids and guiding family members into the Parish Hall
      - i. Finding representatives for this and asking a staff member from their parish to read the names are: Larry Gunter – OLOL, Joan Conway – St. P, David Rivers – St. M and Mary Nordstrom – St. TM (2 Hospitality Ministers and 1 Reader of Names – Staff person)
      - ii. David Rivers will instruct the Candle Lighters, Joan Conway the Readers of Names and Bev Egge will guide the Hospitality Ministers
    - e. Joan Conway will find 1 Lector and 2 Candle Lighters, all from St. P.
    - f. Music Sub-Committee will meet to plan the details of the service – i.e. music, readings, worship aid, etc.
    - g. St. Mary’s will provide a candle holder and will provide cookies for refreshments. The CCW of St. Patrick’s, Staff and Worship Committee will serve the refreshments.
    - h. Committee Members should keep their eyes open and ears alert as a means of evaluating the event.
  3. Calendar

- a. Discussed BOW (Breaking Open the Word). This was a process that Mary Bolek instituted and opened to the member of the parishes to attend in preparation for Advent and Lent. It was felt that since Advent is so close, we will forgo opening up to the parishes, and let the Music Sub-Committee work through this for this year. Will look into it for Lent.
- 4. Year of Faith
  - a. Discussed a Ministry Night/Workshop
    - i. Lectors
      - 1. Recognize those who volunteer in this ministry and then use this time to train new volunteers
    - ii. Eucharistic Ministers
      - 1. APC suggestion of floating Eucharistic Ministers – normally they are commissioned for a specific church, but maybe consider having those who are willing to be trained learn about what each of the 4 worship sites expects of the Eucharistic Ministers, therefore making it possible to be substitutes if needed.
    - iii. Considered January of 2013 or September of 2013 as a time to do this, giving the committee ample time to prepare for the event
- 5. Reviewed Goals and Objectives
  - a. This will require more time and direction, will look at this during our next meeting
  - b. Goal # 1 Objective states “...to develop common area policies and plan area worship opportunities.” Uncertain on the “common area policies”.
- 6. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Evaluate the Evening Prayer of Remembrance
  - b. Music Sub-Committee Report
  - c. Lenten BOW
  - d. Confirmation on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at St. M
  - e. Area Civic Center Mass on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - f. Goals and Objectives

Next Area Faith Committee Meetings will be Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Lake Lillian at St. Thomas More.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music