

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

7:00 p.m. Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi

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

Absent: Chris Herman and Tim Macik

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Upcoming AFC events/dates
 - a. November 15 & 16 – DMA Weekend
 - b. Area Mass Schedule – a temporary schedule is suggested to begin after January 1, but that schedule is still being prayerfully considered
 - i. The APC has suggested to offer 2 consultation sessions in February that would allow parishioners to share thoughts through the use of guided questions, giving input of factors and variables when considering a proposed future Area Mass Schedule that would go in effect in June
 - c. November 22 & 23 – “Spotlight” Weekend – Spotighting the work of the Area Committee’s and the APC along with celebrating the 1 year anniversary of our Vision Statement.

Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes (attached from 10/07/14)
 - a. Minutes approved as presented
- V. Review/Approval of Agenda
 - a. Added Discussion Item, Area Mass Schedule
- VI. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Mass schedule (Discussion)
 - i. Should the new schedule inconvenience many or a few?
 - ii. Do parishioners desire to have more time with the priests?
 1. Currently the Saturday Mass Schedule between St. Patrick’s and St. Mary’s is close, therefore requiring the presider to leave immediately from one to get to the other.
 - iii. Eliminating Mass at St. Patrick’s would be detrimental to the life of that parish.
 - iv. Possible change for the temporary Mass schedule would be to arrange the start times of St. Mary’s Masses so that the presider doesn’t have so much wait time between Masses which also extends the day for them. Suggest possibly 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)

- v. This is a long-term decision, in 7 years the AFC has gone from 4 priests to 2 priests and hasn't changed the Mass schedule to assist the priests.
- vi. Come to the January meeting ready to continue discussion on this issue
- b. Spotlight Weekend – November 22 & 23 (Discussion/Decision)
 - i. What is the purpose of this committee?
 - 1. We will use the AFC Worship Committee's Purpose statement
 - ii. What goals is the committee working on?
 - 1. We will use the AFC Worship Committee's Goals with some adjustments to words (submit changes to Tim ASAP)
 - iii. What is the time commitment of a committee member
 - 1. 3 year term/2 times renewable/7 meetings a year
 - iv. Who is on the committee (and what open spots exist)?
 - 1. We will list our names and parish of membership
 - v. List four things the committee has done or accomplished (preferably in pictures)
 - 1. Area Evening Prayer of Remembrance
 - 2. Area Confirmation Mass
 - 3. Area Easter Vigil
 - 4. Area Chrism Mass
- c. Advent/Christmas (Discussion)
 - i. The lighting of the Advent Wreath will continue with the question being asked, followed by the candle being carried in by a parishioner in silence
 - ii. Suggested to use last year's Worship Aid 1 more time. Will need to check on how many are still available.
 - iii. Through discussion that occurred between Fr. Steve and Tim, it has been decided to add back into the Christmas Eve Mass a schedule a full Spanish Mass that will be at 7:00 p.m.
 - iv. Christmas Preludes are advertised inviting people to come and sing Christmas Carols, please make sure that those assembled are getting to participate.
- d. Area January Retreat on Discipleship (Discussion)
 - i. A conference phone call will occur during November with Sr. Ellen Doyle, our guest presenter, Fr. Steve Verhelst, Tim Cayler, Sr. Pat Imdieke, Anisabel Palma and Erin Wendt.
 - ii. Committee members can share ideas of desired events/goals/opportunities that should be part of this day with Fr. Steve or Tim
 - iii. Please have this date on the calendar and invite one other person
- e. Area Evening Prayer of Remembrance – Sunday, November 2, 4:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Mary (Discussion/Decision)
 - i. The service went well, good attendance
 - ii. The service flowed well and moved along at a good pace
 - iii. Suggestion for the future is add a Sending Forth/Closing Song at the end

- iv. Suggestion that before the service, a candle with the name of each deceased AFC member from the past year be prepared so that all of them have a candle brought forward during the Litany of Names by a family member, friend or parishioner.
- f. Future Agenda Items
 - 1. Advent/Christmas
 - 2. Area Discipleship Retreat
 - 3. Chrism Mass – March 26, 2015, Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: **January 6, 2015**, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music