

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Area Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

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

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

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Pastor's Report
 - a. Area Service Committee
 - i. Watched the video, "Homeless in Kandiyohi County"
 - ii. Introduced to *Family Promise* – Program offering shelter to homeless families. This program is connected with *Safe Harbors*
 - iii. Presented two options of participation:
 1. Host Site
 - a. Provide space for up to 5 families, 14 individuals for a week, once every 2 or 3 months, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
 - b. Provide evening dinner and breakfast, two bathrooms, space for sleeping, and volunteers to always be present
 - c. All participants are screened and are expected to abide by program rules/expectations, or risk expulsion from the opportunity
 - b. Vision Weekend – November 23 & 24
 - i. Fr. Steve shared what will happen at each worship site during all the Masses that weekend to mark the end of the Year of Faith, as well as kick-off the new liturgical year, Year A, with the unveiling of the AFC Vision Statement.

Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes and Agenda (minutes attached from 10/1/13)
 - a. Approved as presented.
 - b. Item added to the Agenda
 - i. Mass Settings
- V. Discussion Items
 - a. Evening Prayer of Remembrance Evaluation
 - i. The Service went well, was well received and was very meaningful.
 - ii. Attendance was down – the beautiful weather may have played a role in that. Question asked about why 4:00 p.m., suggested 5:00 p.m.
 - iii. If the Bell Choir is going to have an on-going presence, maybe have a bell toll softly after each name.

- iv. Concern expressed that most parishioners in the AFC are unfamiliar with this prayer service and are not aware that it is for any of their deceased relatives or friends – not just the deceased AFC parishioners from the past year.
 - v. Advertise it earlier by word of mouth – suggestion to have the Book of Remembrance out before the Evening Prayer as another way for people to “see” the upcoming event, plus “hear” about it when the announcement about the book is made from the pulpit.
 - vi. Suggested to make sure that a candle is brought forward for all deceased AFC members, whether that is by loved ones, or a representative of the AFC.
- b. Music Sub-Committee Report
- i. Met October 9, 2013
 - 1. Introduced AFC Worship Committee Goals and Objectives
 - 2. Reviewed Music Sub-Committee Goals and Objectives
 - 3. Evening Prayer of Remembrance Psalm selections
 - 4. Area Anointing Mass – November 21, 2013 @ 10:30 a.m. Church of St. Mary
 - a. Becky Reiter Cantor, Tim Cayler Accompanist
 - 5. Vision Weekend – waiting to finalize
 - 6. Mass Settings
 - a. Discussion on implementing a plan to designate a Mass Setting for each season of the liturgical year.
 - b. What will work at each worship site
 - 7. Advent
 - a. Selection of Psalms to match the Lectionary
 - 8. Christmas
 - a. New Worship Aid needs to be created
- c. AFC Lector Workshop
- i. Thursday, November 14, Church of St. Mary – 7:00 p.m.
 - 1. All AFC Lectors will receive and invitation to attend this evening of enrichment, training and recognition for serving in this ministry (Worship Committee members encouraged to attend)
 - 2. The time will consist of a short instructional video along with a presentation by one of the priests in regard to the importance of the role of Lector. The new AFC Lector Guidelines will be introduced and discussed.
 - 3. Tim Cayler will pass on to Joan Conway, Larry Fujan, Larry Gunter and Terri Muench names from the 2013 Time and Talent Survey
- d. Advent
- i. Discussion on the previous year’s plan for the lighting of the wreath
 - 1. Like it, seemed different having the candle come from aisles other than the center, reread comments made last year, which were favorable – liking the question and the time for reflection.
 - 2. Will there be Blue Books this year?
- e. Easter Vigil

- i. The AFC Worship Committee was asked to discuss the criteria used the past couple of years determining which worship site would host the Easter Vigil
 - 1. Criteria has been based on which worship site had the most RCIA candidates
 - 2. St. Mary's or St. Patrick's are centrally located
 - 3. OLOL, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's all able to accommodate the number in attendance
 - 4. Should it be set up like the Chrism Mass – moves around the Diocese so that those in the out-lying regions have an opportunity to attend the event
 - 5. Focus on reaching the “one lost sheep” over the 99
- f. Mass Settings
 - i. Tim Cayler shared his desire to see the AFC use the seven Mass Settings that have been purchased and implement a plan that designates a particular Mass Setting to be used at each worship site during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Then during the two Ordinary Times of the year, allow each worship site to determine which Mass Setting of the seven they would use.
 - 1. Goals to be attained in this plan
 - a. Assist the priests as they travel to each worship site, so they have an idea of what will happen.
 - b. Assist the assemblies as they attend Mass at the various worship sites, allowing them the opportunity for “full, active and conscious participation” in the Mass.
 - 2. Factors to keep in mind are what each worship site is capable of handling.
 - ii. Discussion about sticking to something and getting to know the setting is important, change is hard, learning new settings can be challenging for many.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- a. Evaluate Lector Workshop
- b. Evaluate Vision Weekend
- c. Evaluate Advent
- d. Evaluate Christmas
- e. Lent
- f. Easter

Next Area Faith Committee Meetings will be Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Willmar at the Church of St. Mary.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music