

Agenda 08 13 16
AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am –

Morning Prayer – bring your Breviary, phone or tablet

Role Call

Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2016

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- Deacon assignments (new) in clergy mail
- USCCB formation certification
- Convocation 2017 – Sept 29 – Oct 1 - Topics
- Day of Reflection at Solanus Casey Center – Saturday January 7, 2016
- Memorial marker – Introduced at November Memorial Mass
- 2016 Mini Convocation – Steve Mitchell on the Synod

New Business

- Cycle for the term and election of officers

Open Forum Discussion

Assignments

Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes August 13, 2016

Meeting called to order 8:03 am

Attendees: Dennis Loffreda, Bridget Loffreda, Dave Carignan, Liz Carignan, Tom Mohan, Jim Thibodeau, John Ball, Kevin Breen, Tim Maxwell, Sharon Melenyk, Glenn Melenyk

Minutes of the meeting June 16, 2016 - accepted

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life – Kevin Breen

- Formation
 - Formation Retreat director was Mgrs. Zenz and the aspirant director was Fr. Clore
 - Bill Jamieson has taken over coordination of the aspirants replacing John Thompson
 - Mike McKale has taken over coordination of the acolytes as Bill Jamieson moved to aspirants
- Assignments
 - Delay in posting diaconate assignments in the clergy mail until later this month
 - Waiting for last minute details on parish name changes due to mergers
 - And last minute verification of deacon placement
- Deacon Grave Marker inscription
 - Larry Paczkowski of Holy Sepulchre will get a price on the inscription
 - After discussion the decision for the wording for the inscription to have “Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit” with the St. Lawrence cross on the marker will be placed on front and back (both sides) of the marker
- Future Events
 - Bishop dinner for the ordination candidates scheduled
 - Bishop Cepeda will preside over elevation to candidacy
 - Diaconate Ordination at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Saturday October 1
 - Jubilee Dinner at SHMS Sunday October 16
 - Mini-Convocation at SHMS Saturday October 29
 - Steve Mitchell is the presenter explore the upcoming synod
 - Couples retreat in winter 2017 still looking for a director – possibly a priest from St Bonaventure
- Future Assignments
 - Senior Active Deacon (SAD) will be designated as Senior Deacon – no *sad* deacons in the diocese the acronym was confusing
 - Revisited the idea from last meeting of having the Permanent Diaconate assignment date changed from July 1 to October 1.
 - Gives the deacons a chance to contact priest and parishes where there was a change in parish or pastor status
 - Kevin will speak with Msgr Hogan about moving the assignment date
- Kevin shared some stories from his time in Poland during World Youth Day – he declared it a good pilgrimage

Old Business

- The USCCB visit
 - Kevin thanked the board for submitting answers to the questions distributed last meeting for the proposed visit/accreditation
 - Tim felt the questions were a bit difficult to answer – our relationship with the priest and even the community is still developing
 - Letter from the archbishop requesting a visit will be sent in November
 - Expected visit – March/April 2017
- Convocation 2017 still looking for speaker
 - Might try to piggyback off the priests
 - Still considering a day of in-service training related to diaconate function
 - A suggestion was made to contact Fr. Ricardo to be as a speaker
- A collection will be made for the memorial marker at the Memorial Mass in November
 - Will be pre-announced in the Community Updates
- Solanus Casey Center visit – Saturday January 7, 2017 – Kevin will contact Roseanne Jamieson to finalize the details - will include a tour and lunch probably a 10 am to 2 pm event

New Business

- Election of Officers
 - Current officers were installed October 2016
 - Officers will keep their assignment for two years
 - New elections will begin with nominations at the August 2017 meeting
 - Voting in September and installation in October 2017
 - This should become the regular cycle
 - Officers are voted in by the board
- Nomination for the Community Board at large
 - Time line
 - Announce December/January for a two year commitment
 - Nominations in February
 - Voting in March
 - Installation in April
 - Three members will be replaced every year beginning next year
 - A current board member may serve two consecutive terms
 - Current board members status will be noted on the ballot of those eligible

Open forum

Tim brought up the concern of developing a close relationship with the priest community and with the transitional deacon – discussion ensue and need a priest/bishop to really champion the cause and concept

Next meeting: Saturday October 15, 2016 at SHMS at 8 am