

AOD Community Board
Meeting Minutes, May 17., 2021

Meeting Called to order 8:12 am with prayer.

Attendees: Chris Beltowski, Sharon Beltowski, Jim Berch, Carol Berch, Dave Fleming, Kelly Fleming, Bob Gadja, Dennis Loffreda, Brigid Loffreda, Russ Ortisi, Trish Ortisi, Rick Rhein, Anne Rhein, Marc Rybinski,

Dennis welcomed everyone to St. Hubert Church, it is nice to finally meet in-person again. We are now

Chris update mostly a combination of family of parishes and assignments.

- Family of parishes retreats are ongoing, really got into the nuts and bolts, the next retreat is at Holy Trinity next week. Retreats help explain things along as how the family of parishes is going work, very much from a structured standpoint, but there's also an opportunity for prayer and reflection on the first day of the retreat and that plays into Assignments.
- Assignment board has met, not very many gentlemen requested a change. With the family of parishes, I think it's important for us to see how that all goes and be patient and really see the opportunities that might come forward with that. Letters will be going out to those who are either assigned to a family or are up for renewal. Letter will include assignment to moderator as well.
- If you are in Wave I, you're assigned to the family and to the moderator. That is going to be the one person to go to. Chris is working on a memorandum of understanding that will be used after the family, pastors and the moderator have a change to come together and get on the same page. It would be the same for family or parishes, but ultimately will be geared to the family. So, keep that in prayer.
- Convocation meeting will be happening tomorrow, going full force. We're talking about going to visit there and just make sure that they can accommodate us, meeting will be virtual, member that had volunteered to be part of the committee I had sent out an invite to the virtual meeting. Chris will send out a reminder. We've had just under 40 Deacons respond positively, that's a pretty good response so far, with masks coming down, we may have more response as we go through summer. September 21 is date for the final head count. Formal registration will be coming out soon. Question was raised for Deacons assigned to family of parishes, how or who will pay the bill for the Deacon and wife to attend? Each parish has a stipend available for deacon's, it will be up to family of parishes as to how this will be or not to be divided by parishes within family.
- Last meeting there was a question about whether or now we could be informed about the applicants we interviewed, whether or not they were accepted into formation. Long answer short, no. Interview is only part of the process, it hasn't been announced yet who has or has not been accepted, so that needs to remain private.
- Formation is going great, we have three ordinandi on track, three acolytes, five lectors then three aspirants. With 14 applicants, we will be accepting a larger number than we have in the past. As to the question about needing Deacons for certain areas, we are working on Deacon Kevin's vision, Deacon Mike Stewart is heading that charge. The need is to go

everywhere, all cultures, all geographical locations within our archdiocese and start targeting those areas looking for those who are called.

- Early stages of planning the Jubilee dinner, may have a question for the group here when we have an open time for the event.

Discussion followed about next meeting, should we meet at another parish or a more central location such as the Cathedral. St. Hubert's had confirmations there last week, the schedule at the Cathedral is wide open, Dennis spoke with Anna there, they would be happy of accommodate our meetings. After agreement with rest of Board, Dennis will make arrangements for using Cathedral for September and November meetings. As for refreshments, we can take turns supplying refreshments.

Welcome Breakfast for new Deacons. After discussions, Russ is going to check to see if St. Kiernan's is available to host. He believes the calendar is free at the moment. We have tentatively scheduled welcoming breakfast for August 21, 8am to 11am and will also contact a caterer for the event. Chris responded to Russ's question that we have a budget available. Newly ordained from past three years will be invited as we were unable to have a welcoming breakfast year..

Also discussed adding three deacons for a two-year term. We have four names Aaron Poyer, Greg Willoughby, Larry Pazkowski and Perry Clark. Dennis will call hoping three will respond positively.

General elections in January to replace two ending positions, three are up for reelection, Berches, Gajda and Ortisi's, all three have stated they would run for reelection. Nomination request to go out in November, elections in December, new board to meet in January. January 2022 meeting would also include internal elections for Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.

Jubilee can definitely have a Mass, but maybe have the Jubilee could be held at one of the parishes? Would need to be able to accommodate a large group of people, allowing for social distancing? May be a fluid situation, many things could change by November. Could maybe honor Jubilarians at the Convocation.

Russ mentioned that he has all of the board meetings on PDF asked if anyone from Board had objections to those being posted on the website. No one objected, Russ will work on making that happen.

Jim Berch motioned we end meeting, Bob Godja seconded. Meeting ended with prayer at 9:20am