

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes March 16, 2019

Meeting Called to order 8:08 am, began with morning prayer, led by Russ Ortisi

Attendees: Kevin Breen, Stan Avery, Bob Gajda, Dennis Loffreda, Brigid Loffreda, Marc Rybinski, Skip Rodger and Tim Maxwell

Russ approved minutes; Marc seconded. One notation that Meet and Greet had been changed to May 4 after January meeting.

Old Business:

Convocation – Boyne Mountain – Kevin, noted that we cannot bring snacks into the hospitality room, we must purchase trays from hotel. Expected cost to be about \$15. The planning committee continues working to make this a successful event for us.

Diaconal Vocations – We will need to step up the Vocation sub-committee, our goal is to have a potentially have a deacon in every parish and we only have 270, both active and semi-retired. Kevin has letter that will be sent out to pastors requesting pastor tap at least three men from their parish to Kevin, letter would include specifics of what could be a good deacon. Vocations committee would then take over, talking with them, discerning and start walking them towards what they have to do and get them involved with maybe an active Deacon at their parish or somewhere else. Discussion followed as both Russ and Tim had reached out to a couple of men and suggested the information night to them. One has applied for Formation.

Woman’s Day Retreat – Upcoming on April 4, at SHMS, Sr. Sarah Burdick. Trisha Ortisi will give a brief presentation about Diaconate Women’s group, generate interest, find out what kind of activities women are looking for, social, outreach, etc.

Day of Reflection at Cathedral – Discussion to move reflections and Holy Hour at convocation, will have greater involvement as a community.

Greet and Meet with first- and second-year Deacons – Moved to May 4, 2019, as there was a conflict in dates. We will use the same questions sent out last year to start discussions. Dennis asked that everyone on the committee to spread out amongst the first- and second-year deacons.

Grief Support Group – Dcn. Bob Gadja continues to work creating a database, tapping Catholic Cemeteries . grouped by region. Bob will have a table at convocation

Assignments – Kevin updated us that assignments are about completed.

Diaconate Directory Update – Some names, phone numbers and addresses need to be updated. Last update includes the new Deacons as aspirants. Discussion of needing our own tab on AOD clergy website. Trisha would also like a tab for the women’s group. Russ will work on prep work. Would be able to include Community Board agenda and minutes.

Committee Elections – Board members whose terms are completed are Marc and Suzanne Rybinski, Stan and Ramona Avery and Skip Rogers. Marc and Skip agreed to run for their second terms. Stan would like to stay on board as Senior Active.

We ended with prayer.

Closed at 9:30am

Next meeting May 18, 2019. Following third Saturday as in past, July 20, September 21.