

AOD Community Board
Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2022

Meeting Called to order 8:06 am with prayer.

Attendees: Hector Anaya, Roci Anaya, Chris Beltowski, Jim Berch, Carol Berch, Regis Buckley, Ann Marie Buckley, Bob Calleja, Christine Calleja, Perry Clark, Mary Clark, John Fitzmaurice, Dave Fleming, Kelly Fleming, Bob Gadja, Dennis Loffreda, Brigid Loffreda, Russ Ortisi, Trish Ortisi, Aaron Poyer, Julie Poyer, Rick Rhein, Ann Rhein, Skip Rodgers Marc Rybinski

Jim Berch approved minutes; Bob Gajda seconded.

Deacon Chris's Clergy & Consecrated Life report:

- First business is to welcome new board members : Hector and Roci Anaya; Regis and Ann Marie Buckley; Bob and Christine Calleja; John and Sue Fitzmaurice
- Thank outgoing members; Jim and Carol Berch; Dennis and Brigid Loffreda; Skip Rodgers; Marc and Sue Rybinski
- Brief introductions from new members followed by introductions from current members.
- Nothing of significance since last meeting, just future events on the docket:
- Men's Fellowship will be January 23, at Buddy's Pizza in Warren from five to seven. Chris is hoping for more men to sign up to attend.
- Next all Deacon meeting, virtual will be January 26
- Couples retreat going forward in February, numbers are a little light, hoping for additional couples to sign up, we have dynamic presenters Anthon and Anna Feola
- Reminder that retreats for Family of Parishes wave two are upcoming this spring
- Mini Convocation in September, meeting on that this week with convocation team
- Keep formation in prayer for men getting ready for Rite of Acolytes. Continue to hold up Sign up Genus will be up soon for Rite of Election, Chrism Mass, Pentecost and so on.
- Working on list of pastors who are looking for deacons and will be passing that info onto Russ.
- Russ added that he as put the draft of the post ordination handbook up on the website as well and shared his screen to show the list of minutes and community board members are also listed.

Next order of business is election of new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Bob Gadja nominated Russ Ortisi, for Chair, seconded by Jim Berch, Russ accepted the nomination and as no further nominations were forthcoming, Russ will be new Chair

Chris Beltowski nominated Rick Rhein for Vice Chair, Russ Ortisi seconded. Rick accepted nomination, as no further nomination were forthcoming, Rick Rhein will be new Vice Chair.

Bob Gadja nominated Trish Ortisi for Secretary, Trish declined.

Aaron Poyer nominated Julie Poyer for Secretary, Julie accepted the nomination, no further nominations, Julie Poyer will be new Secretary.

Russ noted that minutes are on website and added that as Deacon link is not priority to add to the AOD, we may want to add our own URL. Question to Russ on WIX website, does everyone know how to access website. Russ will add to chat on this session as well as email out.

Russ would like a volunteer to help with the website, who has skills working on websites, Perry Clark said he had done in past and he and Mary would work with Russ on website.

Women's group has not really gotten off the ground, we need help with getting it going again.

Point of order, date for next meeting listed on Agenda and Minutes were in conflict, correct date is Saturday March 19, 2022.

Aaron moved to close, Bob seconded. Meeting closed at 8:59

Reminders future Diaconate Community Board meetings will be at Sacred Heart Seminary third Saturdays of every other month. Next meetings are March 19, 2022 and May 21, 2022.