

**Regular Meeting
AOD Community Board
Meeting Minutes, Date September 24, 2022
Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

Meeting called to order: 8:07 am

Morning prayer: Liturgy of the Hours

Roll call:

Present

Deacon Hector and Roci Anaya

Deacon Chris Beltowski

Deacon Regis

Deacon Bob Calleja

Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming

Deacon Aaron and Julie Poyer

Absent

Sharon Beltowski

Ann Buckley

Christine Calleja

Deacon Perry and Mary Clark

Deacon Bob Gajda

Deacon Dennis and Brigid Loffreda

Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice

Deacon Alan Gwozdz

Deacon Russ and Trish Ortisi

Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein

Approval of minutes from July 16, 2022: Deacon Dave Fleming moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Deacon Aaron Poyer.

First Order of Business:

Report from the Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life-Deacon Chris Beltowski

-Deacon's Retreat was held in Paradise, Michigan. Positive experience

-board to discuss whether location should be changed for future retreats due to accessibility, and limits on number of

retreatants

Old Business:

Upcoming events

-Diaconate Ordination- Blessed Sacrament Cathedral (October 1, 2022)
participation requested

-All deacon meeting-virtual (September 26, 2022) Bishop Battersby and
Deacon Fred Billotto to discuss Proposal 3

-Diaconate Jubilee- Sacred Heart Major Seminary (October 30, 2022)

-Diaconate Convocation- Boyne Mountain (September 21-24, 2023)

-request to spend time in prayer, along with Fr. John, to discern the
topics and needs of the community

Other old business

- Discussed mini-convocation success
- Plans for 2023 Convocation underway
- Deacon Directory
 - still obtaining photos
- Diaconate website
 - updating information is work in progress

New Business:

For the Good of the Community

- reminder of those in the community needing/requesting prayer

Diaconate Community Board membership

- Deacon Chris Beltowski reviewing board membership terms
- discussed rotating members and term limits
- discussion to be continued with Deacon Russ Ortisi

Women's night out

- would like to reinvigorate
- discussed possible ideas and venues
- Kelly Fleming volunteered to spearhead effort but would need team to assist in implementation

Men's social group gathering

- Deacon Christ Beltowski to survey community regarding dates and availability
- goal is to increase participation and make gathering more accessible

Post ordination education and mentors

- discussed pro and cons of implementing a more formal mentorship program
 - discussion to be continued
- discussed options available for education post ordination for those completing undergrad program

Next meeting: November 19, 2022

Meeting ended in prayer: Deacon Chris Beltowski

Deacon Aaron Poyer moved to end the meeting, motion seconded by Deacon Chris Beltowski