

**Archdiocese of Detroit Community Board
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes-January 21, 2023**

Call to order:

A regular meeting of the AOD Community Board was held on January 21, 2023 virtually through Ring Central. It began at 8:02 am and was presided over by Deacon Russ Ortisi, with Deacon Julie Poyer acting as secretary.

Morning prayer:

The Liturgy of the Hours was led by Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice.

Roll call:

Present

Deacon Regis Buckley and Ann Buckley
Deacon Chris Beltowski
Deacon Perry and Mary Clark
Deacon Perry Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming
Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice
Deacon Tom Houle
Deacon Francis and Lucy King
Deacon Dennis and Brigid Loffreda
Deacon Russ and Trish Ortisi
Deacon Aaron Poyer and Julie Poyer
Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein

Absent

Deacon Hector and Roci Anaya
Sharon Beltowski
Deacon Bob and Christine Calleja
Connie Houle
Deacon Bob Gajda

Introduction to and of new community board members.

Approval of minutes from November 19, 2022:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2022, meeting was made by Deacon Regis Buckley and seconded by Mary Clark.

First Order of Business:

- Report from the Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life-Deacon Chris Beltowski
- Welcome to new community board members and Deacon Rick and Anna and Deacon Dave and Kelly's acceptance as 3rd term board members
- Blessed Sacrament Cathedral sign up available for Lent, Holy Week and Pentecost
- Reminder to continue praying for deacons and wives on payer list. There have been powerful and incredible stories of answered prayers.
- Deceased Clergy Mass was held on November 21, 2022, SHMS

- Diaconate Vocation Awareness night on November 30, 2022 was well attended
- Diaconate Vocation Awareness night to be held in select areas in effort to reach more men
- Holy Hour was on January 19, 2023 for respect life with the National Eucharist Revival
- Assignment renewals in progress

Upcoming events

- Men's Fellowship Night, February 1, 2023, 6:30pm, Shield's Pizza, Troy
- All Deacon Meeting, February 8, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Virtual
- Deacon Couples Retreat, February 17-19, 2023, Capuchin Retreat House (lead by Dr. Tim and Karen Hogan)
- Newly ordained welcome breakfast-SHMS May 20, 2023 at 8:00 am
- Deacon Convocation, September 21-24, 2023, Boyne Mountain

Old Business:

- Feedback on seminary catering services and options for Newly Ordained Welcome Breakfast
- Diaconate handbook revisions by Deacons Rick, Chris, and John
- Deacon Perry will maintain updates to AODDeacon.org
- Discussion of post ordination formation (coordinated by Deacon Perry)
- A motion that Deacon Perry move forward with implementation was made by Deacon Russ and seconded by Deacon Aaron
- Women's committee
 - Kelly Fleming and Ann Buckley volunteered to lead

New Business/Open Forum Discussion

- Election of chair, co-chair and secretary to be conducted every 2 years, next election will be before the end of this year
- Consider possibility of keeping some members due for reelection on board for continuity due to large number of members up for reelection
- Fundraiser for charity- soliciting volunteers and ideas -

For the good of the community-

- Catherine Lanni, Divine Mercy Center, February 8, 2023, 7:00pm-9:00pm, St. John Neumann
- Mary Clark suggested use of a phone chain to assist communication

Next meeting: March 18, 2023, 8:00 AM at SHMS

Meeting ended in prayer: Deacon Tom

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deacon Russ and seconded by Deacon Aaron