

**Regular Meeting  
AOD Community Board  
Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2022  
Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

**Meeting called to order:** 8:06 a.m.

**Morning prayer:** Liturgy of the Hours lead by Deacon Regis and Ann Marie Buckley

**Roll call:**

**Present**

Deacon Hector and Roci Anaya  
Deacon Chris Beltowski  
Deacon Regis and Ann Buckley  
Deacon Bob Calleja  
Deacon Perry and Mary Clark  
Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming  
Deacon Bob Gajda  
Deacon Dennis and Brigid Loffreda  
Deacon Russ and Trish Ortisi  
Deacon Aaron and Julie Poyer

**Absent**

Sharon Beltowski  
Christine Calleja  
Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice  
Deacon Alan Gwozdz  
Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein

**Approval of minutes from January 15, 2022:** Deacon Russ Ortisi moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Deacon Hector Anaya-Bustos.

**First Order of Business:**

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

- Men's Fellowship Night
  - approximately 20 men attended, well received, will plan for another one in the future
- Quarterly deacon meeting
  - Deacon Greg Formanczyk, Oakland County Sheriff's Department Chaplin, presented
  - received good feedback
- Diaconate Couples retreat, February 18-20, 2022
  - lower attendance than usual
  - presenters Anthony and Anna Feola
  - received good feedback

## **First Order of Business (cont.):**

Mini convocation

-September 17, 2022

-Dr. Marlon De La Torre presenter

Men's retreat

-August in Paradise, MI

Family of Parishes update

-look for info on formation day retreat for those in wave two

-registration requested for formation day retreat

Diaconate assignments

-refer to link in diaconate email for parishes in need of a deacon

-newly ordained will be assigned to a parish, not a family, for their first 3 year assignment

-deacons currently assigned to a parish in a wave two family should expect to see a new assignment letter identifying a change in assignment from their individual parish to their family

Formation applications

-still reviewing applications

-9 new applicants, 3 re-applicants

Chrism Mass assistance

-in need of one more deacon to assist

Prayers requested for deacons that are sick and those that have recently gone to be with the Lord

## **Old Business:**

Upcoming events

September 17- Mini Convocation, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

October 1- Diaconate Ordination, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

October 30- Diaconate Jubilee

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

Website update

New address <https://www.aoddeacon.org>

Deacon directory

-discussed best way to obtain and make info available

-Mary Clark volunteered to handle this project

-current contact info to be confirmed with Erin

## **New Business:**

2023 Convocation speaker

Discussion of four possible speakers resulted in narrowing choice between:

-Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

-cost (\$4,500) exceeds AOD budget

-Fr. John Riccardo

-no cost

-Fr. John has saved the dates for us

Deacon Chris asked us to pray about these choices

**New Business (cont.):**

Protecting God's Children and signing Code of Conduct

-all deacons will need to update

-look for more info in near future

Filling needs for deacons at cathedral

-discussion about possible alternatives to current process

Planned parenthood

-discussion of new ballot proposal

**Next meeting:** May 21, 2022

**Meeting ended in prayer:** 9:35 pm

Trish Ortisi moved to end the meeting, motion seconded by Deacon Russ Ortisi