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AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 7:30 am

Role Call

Official Acceptance of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of Diaconate Community Board

- Glenn Melenyk – Chair
- Tom Mohan – Vice-Chair
- Sharon Melenyk - Secretary

Approval of Minutes for August 29, 2015

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life

Old Business:

- Pia Carli – administrative assistant to office diaconate
- Wives' Day Reflection – Mosaic Rejuvenation
- Update Diaconate Page on AOD Website:  
<http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>
- Post Ordination Manuel – John Manera – volunteer to head revisions
- USCCB visit for diaconal formation

New Business:

- Convocation Reflection
- Round Table Questions
- Fifty Years since the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate

Open Forum Discussion

Assignments

Meeting Adjournment

- Short web communications solution
  - We are looking at doing a Google account for the Community Board for us to have not only access to the manual but share other pertinent information
  - John Manera offered to set up an account for community board
  - Needs a list of current board names and email address – Glenn will create than transfer the list
  
- The USCCB visit is still in the early planning stages
  - USCCB would first be invited to evaluate the AOD diaconate formation program/process
  - Discussions ensue about first working the NDFD to evaluate our process as they have the experience

## New Business

### Convocation

- Comments regarding the convocation were generally positive
- Some concerns were made about the disconnect between deacons and priest
- Consideration should be given to having the same speakers since we do not have any joint sessions

### Round Table Discussion

- Due to lack of time the round table discussion questions designed to find out the need, wants and ministry conditions of the deacon both in parish and outside was table
- Questions will be distributed at a later date
  
- The 50 year anniversary restoration of the permanent diaconate takes place in 2017 possible special celebration – question what are the plans by the USCCB
  
- Suggestion was presented to have the sacrament of anointing of the sick by the archbishop during our annual jubilee celebration – many of the deacons attending have health conditions and this is a great opportunity to receive this valuable sacrament
  
- Once the diocese organizes the candidates for the Evangelization Synod, the community board will make recommendations for diaconal representation from the four regions

Open forum – is it time to change the name of the mosaic to modernize and give it a new image

Next meeting: Saturday December 12, 2105 at SHMS at 8 am

AOD Diaconate Community Board  
Meeting Minutes October 17, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:30 am

Attendees: Bridget Loffreda, John Manera, Tom Mohan, Jim Thibodeau, John Ball, Faith Ball, Kevin Breen, Sheila Breen, Sharon Melenyk, Glenn Melenyk

Minutes of the meeting August 28, 2015 - accepted

Installation of Officers

- Glenn Melenyk – Chairperson
- Tom Mohan – Vice-Chairperson
- Sharon Melenyk –Secretary

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life – Kevin Breen

- Pia Carli is the administrative assistant for the permanent diaconate and is our first line central services contact. She also works for the office of immigration
- Katie Trombley is the administrative assistant to Msgr Hogan vicar of clergy and consecrated life
- Sr. Kujawa is the liaison/associate director for consecrate life
- The applications deadline for next years aspirants is December 1

Old Business

- The recommendation was made for Therese Cirner who is a Catholic Therapist to be the speaker/lead for the Women’s Day of Reflection
  - Date is TBD but suggestion were made for March 12 or March 19 of 2016
  - Time is 10 am to 1 pm
  - Location SHMS was the best as a central location
  - Shelia will get more information on Therese and her availability
  - The cost would be cover by the OCCL
  - An accurate list of the wives both active and retire and the widows of deacons was requested– to be supplied by OCCL
- Diaconate Website
  - Still looking at the AOD IT to develop a separate and private diaconate interactive website
  - the updated page on the AOD site for Clergy is really a public information page
  - Post-ordination manual
    - John Manera reported that the revisions to the post-ordination diaconate manual is still ongoing
    - Msgr Hogan has added more changes and updates
    - Best way to distribute - because of the size of the manual it was discussed that it might be best to place it in the “cloud” allow access to the community on an as needed basis.