

**Regular Meeting
AOD Community Board
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2023**

Location: Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Cardinal Dearden Porch)

Meeting called to order: 8:12 a.m. by Deacon Rick Rhein

Morning prayer: Liturgy of the Hours led by Deacon Perry Clark and prayed as a group

Roll Call

Present

Deacon Hector Anaya
Deacon Chris and Sharon Beltowski
Deacon Regis and Ann Buckley
Deacon Bob Calleja
Deacon Perry and Mary Clark
Kelly Fleming
Deacon Tom and Houle
Deacon Francis and Lucy King
Deacon Dennis and Brigid Loffreda
Deacon Aaron and Julie Poyer
Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein

Absent

Roci Anaya
Christine Calleja
Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice
Deacon Dave Fleming
Deacon Bob Gajda
Connie Houle
Deacon Russ and Trisha Ortisi

Guests in Attendance

None

Review of Minutes of July 15, 2023: Deacon Buckley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Deacon Clark.

First Order of Business:

- Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life
 - Upcoming events
 - September 21-24, 2023-Diaconate Convocation, Boyne Mountain
 - September 27, 2023-Vocation Awareness Night, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm with registration at 6:30 pm, Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 - Deacons and wives are welcome to attend
 - October 7, 2023-Diaconate Ordination, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
 - October 25, 2023-All Deacon Meeting, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, virtual
 - Reminder-All deacons who completed a Protecting God's Children workshop before January 1, 2020, are required to update their certification

- Continue to pray for our diaconate community

Old Business:

- Update on the Deacon Wives' Fellowship (Kelly Fleming and Ann Buckley)
- Surveys to be distributed to deacons' wives at convocation
 - Part of the group's activities will involve sending homemade cards to the diaconate community
- Update on Euchre Fellowship Event (Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice)
 - Tentative date of January 26, 2024 6:00 pm start, prayer, euchre
 - Deacon Fitzmaurice offered to host at his parish but is open to other suggestions
- Update on Continuing Education/Formation (Deacon Clark)
 - October 21, 2023- annulment training, no certification involved, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills, 8:30 am start, 9:00 am with dismissal by noon. Euchre, prayer, and continental breakfast. Msgr. Browne to lead. Open to all deacons
- Communication with widows/widowers-Deacon Perry and Deacon Fleming
- Deacon Rhein informed the group that calls were made to widowers regarding convocation. Calls were well-received.
- We need to make this outreach part of our DNA.
- Need to expand outreach to widows- Kelly Fleming and Ann Buckley.

Upcoming Event Dates

- September 21-24, 2023-Diaconate Convocation, Boyne, Fr. Riccardo keynote speaker
- October 7, 2023-Diaconate Ordination, Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- October 29, 2023-Diaconate Jubilee, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

New Business / Open Forum Discussion

- For the Good of the Community
 - Deacon Rhein initiated an informal survey of deacons regarding their experience with the Family of Parishes.
 - Deacon Beltowski emphasized that each deacon can expect to have an experience unique to their family and their needs.
- Deacon wives table at convocation- survey will be distributed
- Deacon Sunday proposal- similar to priesthood Sunday. Tx, vocation ordination ministry, Deacon Beltowski took the suggestion to Episcopal. No decision yet.
- Deacon Buckley received a call about a "Meet the Deacon" night. Is this valid? Deacon Beltowski was unsure. Suggested he call SHMS regarding legitimacy.
- Deacon Beltowski- nominations for the community board will be sent soon. There may be a need to change some term limits to ensure continuity.

Meeting ended in prayer: 9:22 am by Deacon Poyer

Deacon Poyer moved to end the meeting, seconded by Deacon Perry

Next meeting November 18, 2023, Sacred Heart Major Seminar, Cardinal Deardon Porch