

Regular Meeting
AOD Community Board Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2023
Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Location: Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Cardinal Dearden Porch)

Meeting called to order: 9:00 a.m.

Morning prayer: Liturgy of the Hours prayed as a group

Roll Call

Present

Deacon Chris and Sharon Beltowski

Deacon Perry and Mary Clark

Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice

Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming

Deacon Bob Gajda

Deacon Tom and Connie Houle

Deacon Francis and Lucy King

Deacon Dennis and Brigid Loffreda

Deacon Russ and Trisha Ortisi

Deacon Aaron and Julie Poyer

Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein

Absent

Deacon Hector and Roci Anaya

Deacon Regis and Ann Buckley

Deacon Bob and Christine Calleja

Guests in Attendance

Deacon Chuck and Deb Dault

Deacon Sydney and Erin Johnson

Deacon Mike and Rolanda Heard

Review of Minutes of March 18, 2023: Deacon Aaron Poyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Deacon John Fleming.

First Order of Business:

- Introduction of ordained deacons from 2021 and 2022
- Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life
 - Diaconate information night-
 - New approach appears successful (varying location, inviting deacons)
 - 13 inquirers, 10 deacons and wives present at May information night
 - July 11, 2023-Diaconate information night, St. Patrick, White Lake
 - May 27, 2023, 10:00 am-Presbyteral Ordination, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
 - June 23-25, 2023-Men's retreat
 - June 29, 2023-Missionary Renewal assembly, Suburban Showplace, Novi
 - September 21-24, 2023-Diaconate Convocation, Boyne Mountain

Old Business:

- Update on Deacon Wives Fellowship (Kelly Fleming)
- Update on Euchre Fellowship Event (Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice) Tentative date of October 27, 2023
- Update on Continuing Education/Formation (Deacon Perry Clark)
 - Purpose-Ongoing formation, fellowship, support
 - Frequency-One Saturday a quarter
 - Topics to be covered in the first year: annulments, diaconate spirituality, homiletics refresher, grief counseling
- Update on Diaconate Handbook- goal to distribute during convocation
- AOD Deacon website-update in process
- Communication with widows/widowers

- Deacon Bob Gjada provided updated list to Deacon Chris Beltowski
- Women's group considering a possible role in this

Upcoming Event Dates

- September 21-24, 2023-Diaconate Convocation, Boyne
- October 7, 2023- Ordination, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
- October 29, 2023-Diaconate Jubilee, Sacred Heart Major Seminar

New Business / Open Forum Discussion

- Deacon fellowship-golf, Deacon Larry Paczkowski
- Solicit ideas to increase attendance at June annual retreat-

Next Meeting: July 15, 2023, 8:00 am *Virtual*

Meeting ended in prayer: 9:57 am by Deacon Francis led prayer

Deacon Aaron Poyer moved to end the meeting; motion seconded by Julie Poyer.