

Agenda 06 18 16
AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am –

Morning Prayer – bring your Breviary, phone or tablet

Role Call

Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2016

- Election/Lottery for the one time three year term members
 - The elected couple will serve their first term until April 2018
 - Remaining Board members will serve until April 2017
 - All current board members have the right to seek nomination for a second term of two years
 - Nominees
 - Jim and Jenny Thibodeau
 - Tim and Martha Maxwell
 - Dennis and Bridge Loffreda
 - Glenn and Sharon Melenyk

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- ID cards now available
- Deacon assignments (new) in clergy mail
- Men's Retreat, Convocation 2017
- Fifty Year Anniversary of restoration of the Permanent Diaconate
- Contributions for Camp Santa Maria
- Set a tentative date for Day of Reflection at Solanus Casey Center
- Memorial markers – plan a day to gather for dedication
- 2016 Mini Convocation - topics

New Business

- AOD Representation for legal issues that concern diaconal duties

Open Forum Discussion

Assignments

Meeting Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes 06 16 16

Meeting Called to Order – 8:00 am

Attendees: Kevin Breen, Dennis Loffreda, Brigid Loffreda, Dave Carignan, Liz Carignan, Tim Maxwell, Martha Maxwell, Tom Mohan, Jim Thibodeau, Glenn Melenyk and Sharon Melenyk

Minutes of April 18, 2016 – approved

Election/Lottery for term extension for 3 board members to 3 years – Tim and Martha Maxwell, Dennis and Brigid Loffreda, Glenn and Sharon Melenyk

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life

- Diaconate assignment changes will be announced after July 1
 - Will be published in the clergy mail
 - For those without email the clergy mail will be send via regular mail
 - Anyone not receiving regular communications should notify Kevin or Pia at the office
 - Approximately 10 assignment changes will be listed
 - Potential assignments have also been discussed for the four to be ordained in October
- Pia has been busy with immigration duties
- The men’s retreat has 15 registrants so far
 - Msgr Tim Hogan is the retreat director
- The 2017 Convocation at Boyne Highlands is scheduled for September 28 through October 1
- The 2017 Permanent Diaconate Ordination is scheduled for Saturday October 14 – note the change from the first Saturday in October due to the convocation
- The new formation class is expected to have 5 aspirants – one of which is conditional dependent upon pre-requisite class completion
 - There were 10 applicants with 5 denials and 1 withdrawal
 - Those who attend the information night are quick to start classes as soon as possible
- The USCCB formation review is expected to take place in the Spring of 2017
 - There is some preliminary work to be done
 - Kevin gave the board a series of questions to answer
 - The request is to have the responses returned to Kevin within 40 days
 - The review team is expected to consist of six people from the USCCB and Diaconate Directorate
- Suggestion made and discussion ensued about moving the Diaconate Assignments to October from the current July time frame
 - This would allow a transition time for priest assignments, especially pastors, to assess needs and allow the deacons time to see if the new pastor needs a deacon who meets their needs

- Note that deacons who have chosen senior retired status still have full faculties and can serve in a parish as a deacon
- Suggestion was made to publish the deacons to be ordained in the Michigan Catholic prior to ordination similar to the priests as a “public notice” similar to wedding bands

Old Business

- Convocation is still in need of speakers – suggestions gladly accepted
 - As of now diaconate is responsible to get own speakers
 - Priest convocation is in the planning stages – maybe able to get some ideas from them
- As of the meeting Peter and Kathy Hebeck were scheduled for the couples retreat however since the meeting they have needed to cancel – still looking
- Steve Mitchell is schedule speaker for the fall Mini-Convocation Saturday October 29, 2016
- Kevin asked to develop a committee to plan event for the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate
- Discussions for day of reflection at the Fr Solanus Casey Center – thought was to have a Saturday event with a tour and lunch at the center during Advent
 - Kevin will contact Roseanne Jamieson for more information and possible date
 - **Updated** – January 7 would work which includes lunch and a tour – there is a \$50 fee for the person to prepare the lunch (covered by the diocese) and a \$10 person soup and sandwich fee
- The plans for dedication of the memorial marker at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in the Spring of 2017 will be announced at the November Deacon memorial mass.

New Business

- Legal issues arising because of our duties as deacons
 - Tim Maxwell was subpoenaed on a child custody case to appear in court
 - He was involved in help with the annulment of one of the parties
 - He called the diocese trying several departments including tribunal and chancellors office
 - Legal counsel was assigned by the diocese
 - Perhaps something should be added to the diaconate Manuel and/or placed in community news about how and who to contact
- Dave Carignan was concerned about background checks which ask for social security numbers in order to distribute Holy Communion to nursing homes
 - There are a number of facilities that require checks, while many do not – security is becoming more and more prominent – at this point each place seems to be setting their own rules
 - Many facilities will forgo requirement of the social security number when reasonable alternate identifying information is given
- The diaconate handbook is scheduled to be released in September
- Dennis share with us his experience at the Jubilee of Deacon in Rome – including the stole he wore at the Mass – Thank you for sharing

Next Meeting Saturday August 13, 2016 at 8:00 am at SHMS

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am