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AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am –

Morning Prayer – bring your Breviary, phone or tablet

Role Call

Approval of Minutes for May 20, 2017

Proposal: See attached letter from the Chair of the Community

- Eliminate the regional coordinators
- Not have a special senior status board member but allow as part of general board
- Increase the number of board members

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- USCCB formation certification - update
- Memorial marker – final donation report and reminder dedication day September meet at Holy Sepulchre
- Convocation report
- Update on the prior discussion about receiving the Eucharist multiple times per day

New Business:

- Next Mosaic Day of Reflection
- In Service Day for deacons

Open Forum Discussion

Next Meeting: September 16, 2017

Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes July 15, 2017

Meeting Called to order 8:01 am

Attendees: Kevin Breen, Dennis and Brigid Loffreda, Tim and Martha Maxwell, Skip Rogers, Marc Rybinski, Glenn and Sharon Melenyk

Minutes from meeting of May 20, 2017 – accepted

Proposals regarding the elimination of the regional coordinators, the open end inclusion of senior deacons within the Community Board and the increase of Community Board members were accepted with minor modifications -

1. The Community Board will no longer pursue revitalizing the coordinator role and terminate the position
2. The Community Board will not pursue electing a separate board member who is senior status. Elections to the Community Board do not have to be delineation between active and senior status deacons. Any deacon (and wife) should be able to be nominated and elected to the board during our yearly elections regardless of status. However, a senior deacon will be encouraged to be a board member and any time one is lacking a special notices will be made at the annual elections
3. The Community Board agrees to add four more board members (meaning deacons with their wives). Two new members in each of the next two-election cycle. Beginning next March we would elect five new members every year. Term limitations of two consecutive terms would remain in effect.

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life – Kevin Breen

- Fr Spezia is now Vicar of Clergy and Consecrated Life
- Fr Day is the new moderator of the curia
- Katie who has been the backup to Erin has move onto a new position with the archdiocese leaving an opening for an administrative assistant in the office of clergy and consecrated life

Old business

- Convocation
 - As of the our meeting date there were 41 registrants for the fall convocation
 - A tentative schedule was distributed at the meeting
 - Highlights
 - Archbishop open talk Thursday evening

- Tentatively Fr. Spezia will speak to us during the Friday morning sessions
 - Deacon Raph Poyo will begin Friday evening and wrap up on Sunday with a morning session
 - Liturgy everyday including – Mass, morning and evening prayer and Benediction one evening
- Facilities
 - Rooms for all the deacons in the north part of the building
 - All sessions and meals in the general meeting room
 - Extra shuttle golf carts will be available
- Men's retreat with Fr. Dan Crosby had 11 participant and the retreat was well received
- USCCB Visit
 - A 40 pages survey was sent to committee in June
 - The review/visit is still scheduled for Oct 11-14 (Thursday – Saturday)
- Memorial Marker \$2775 in donations was collected
 - Cost of engraving was discounted from \$1400 to \$1100
 - The dedication will be Saturday September 16 at 10 am at Holy Sepulchre
 - Kevin will arrange to have the sight map sent with the invitation in upcoming community updated
 - Proposed activities may include placing flowers over graves and reading of the office of the dead from the liturgy of the hours
- Still planning of a Women's Day of Reflection late fall possibly and Advent refection
- Some type of in-service day is also being planned for deacons late fall
- Suggestions for speakers/presenters are always welcome for reflection days as well as retreats and convocations
- The reception of the Eucharist multiple times per day was revisited
 - When the deacon is there to serve should be able to receive regardless of the number of Masses already served
 - Still waiting for a formal letter to be published in the Worship News to clarify not only to the diaconate community but also to the presbyterate

New Business/Open Forum

- Assignments
 - A few still are in the works

- The bishop's office still wants the deacon to be formally assigned in July along with the priest assignments
- Discussion ensued about assignments
 - There have been occasions that deacons search out a new assignment and make arrangements with pastor to start whenever it suits them
 - The deacon needs to contact central offices prior to moving and should actually let their current pastor know that they are investigating leaving
 - It was suggested that the deacons should contact their regional bishop to formally get permission to change assignment since ultimately it is the bishop who make the assignments
 - It was requested that in the community news monthly a list of pastors/parishes looking for deacon be published – giving deacon a feel for what is out there and plenty of time to prepare for a move
 - It was questioned who is on the diaconate assignment board leading to a suggestion that one or more members of the community board be invited to the assignment board sessions as voting members as general representation of the community at large
- Skip Rogers has agreed to take over and re-develop a widows/widowers support group within the diaconate community
- Tim asked about the results and implementation of the synod finding
 - The Pastoral letter came out on Pentecost and the implementation process of the different proposed programs will slowly be phased in
- During the convocation the community board will have a table/station in the conference area as visible presence of the board to members at large
 - Glenn will develop a list of accomplishment and activities of the board to attract interest for future election
 - Board Members may also be needed to help shuttle deacon and wives from the main building to the meeting/dining areas at the convocation

Next Meeting: Saturday September 16 8:00 am at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery room/location to be arranged by Kevin