

**Regular Meeting  
AOD Community Board  
Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2023  
Virtual Meeting via Ring**

**Meeting called to order:** 8:03 a.m.

**Morning prayer:** Liturgy of the Hours prayed as a group (Led by Deacon Tom Houle and Connie)

**Roll call:**

**Present**

Deacon Chris Beltowski  
Deacon Hector and Roci Anaya  
Deacon Regis and Ann Buckley  
Deacon John Fitzmaurice  
Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming  
Deacon Tom and Connie Houle  
Deacon Russ and Trisha Ortisi  
Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein

**Absent**

Sharon Beltowski  
Deacon Bob and Christine Calleja  
Deacon Perry and Mary Clark  
Sue Fitzmaurice  
Deacon Francis and Lucy King  
Deacon Dennis and Brigid Loffreda  
Deacon Aaron and Julie Poyer

**Approval of minutes from May 20, 2023:** Deacon Regis Buckley moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Deacon Tom Houle.

**First Order of Business:**

Report from the Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Deacon Chris Beltowski (the New Grandpa , round 2!)

- All assignments are done, completed and sent out. Not a lot of changes.
- Great Men's Retreat, June 23-25, 2023, DeWitt, Fr. Jason Brooks was excellent (possible speaker for a mini-convocation)
- Mission Renewal Assembly was held June 27-29, 2023 – motivation to continue to be people of Mission.
- Vocation Awareness night at St. Regis. Low turnout 4 men and 1 wife, but it was very good.
- Emily Coates has joined our office. Erin Dewimille has moved on. We are grateful for all she did for us and looking forward to working with Emily.

- Virtus Training – Protecting God’s Children. Need all the diaconate community up to date.
- National Eucharist Revival – Bishop Battersby encouraged deacons to be point-person (with the agreement of their Pastor/ Moderator).
- A lot of people within our community to pray/ continue to pray for.

### **Old Business:**

- **Deacon wives fellowship (Kelly F., Ann B.)** – Getting together in August to discuss future events. Will have a table at the Convocation, perhaps a survey to try to identify additional ideas. Also spoke of being more connected as deacon wives – Ann is sending out a card to those that are sick. Also want to reach out to widows. **Need to put information on the website – [www.aoddeacon.org](http://www.aoddeacon.org)**
- **Euchre Fellowship Event (John and Sue F.)** – idea to hold this in the early winter/ into spring, perhaps replace the diaconate couple’s retreat in 2024. Perhaps hold the retreat every other year?
- **Continuing Education/ Formation (Perry C.)** – First session scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30am – 12 noon at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish hall, Msgr. Brown to hold a session on Annulments (for Advocates). Thank you, Perry, for your great job in pulling this together.
- **Diaconate Handbook (John F. and Rick R.)** – Updates have been made and will be rolled out at the Convocation! Great job John and Rick on pulling this together.

### **Upcoming Event Dates:**

- Diaconate Convocation - September 21-24, 2023, Boyne Mountain
- Diaconate Ordination - October 7, 2023, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
- Diaconate Jubilee - October 29, 2023, SHMS

### **New Business / Open Forum Discussion**

- Chris reached out to Bishop Battersby and then submitted a proposal to the Archbishop to make the second Sunday in October “Deacon Sunday.” There is a formal organization that began this and is promoting vocations. Chris is awaiting Archbishop Vigneron’s response. If approved, Chris will need help.
- Anything for the good of the community

**Next Meeting:** September 16, 2023, 8:00 am at SHMS

**Meeting ended in prayer:** 9:05 am (Led by Hector A.)

Deacon Russ moved to end the meeting; motion seconded by Deacon Hector.