

.....DEACON COUNCIL MINUTES 5-11-18

Attending: Bob Ball, Denis Coan, Mary Good, Tim Good, Fr. Mark Nowak, Richard Shewman, Denise and Jerry Sobrowski, Bob Walker.

Opening prayer: Jerry Sobrowski

New Business:

1. Deacon Anniversary celebration:
 - Denis Coan reported that Bishop Persico has agreed to a Mass on Saturday, August 4 at 11am at Our Lady of Peace in Erie for the celebration. Deb Sobina volunteered to take on the responsibility of coordinating the affair with the following questions:
 1. What is the budget?
 2. Compose and send invitations?
 3. A family affair? (Children)
 4. Deacons from outside the Diocese?
 5. Formation faculty?
 6. Commemorative gifts?
 7. Appoint a committee?
 8. Catered food for lunch after?
 - Fr. Mark will check on the budget question if someone will put in writing ASAP.
 - How do we communicate the event? Richard Shewman will compose a letter and get Bishop Persico's approval for mailing.
 - We will meet at the St. John rectory on June 7 at 5pm to firm up the details. Further discussion and needs before that meeting to be communicated via e-mail.
2. Kevin Kunik asked Denis C. to report that Deacon Steve Kramer will be the presenter for our study day October 20, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie. More details soon.
3. We are encouraged to check the new diocese web page, and especially the deacon section.
4. The Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 in Germany was discussed. Some council members are talking about attending. (A little off subject - diversion.)
5. Tenure for elected and ex-officio members was discussed. Some are approaching their term of five years.
6. Care and Concern for the deacon community:
 - Bob Walker reported that he and Eleanor are interested in the card ministry to the deacons and families. There was some discussion of a stipend or reimbursement for expenses, which should be minimal. They will get back to the council with some information and ideas in the near future.
7. Our next meeting will be as mentioned in #1 above with a focus on the Deacon Anniversary celebration.

Respectfully submitted by Deacon Robert L. Walker