

Deacon Council Minutes

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Members present: J Sobrowski, D. Sobrowski, Fr. Mark Nowak, B. Ball, D. Coan, T. Good, R. Shewman

- Opening Prayer – Jerry Sobrowski
- Succession Planning & Council Elections
 - A renewal of the Deacon Council is discussed by members. Some members wish to step down as they have been members of the Council for many years.
 - Elections:
 - Discussion as to the membership with those elected and those appointed.
 - A review of what is necessary for election to the Council from the Council constitution.
 - Ballots will be drawn up for the election, Denis Coan volunteered for this task.
 - Ex Officio members would stay on through a period of transition for the new members.
 - There is a need to communicate the structure of the Council regarding the various committee structures such as continuing education, outreach, support, spirituality, and personnel. Would select some members by their ministry already in these areas.
 - Distant members from the eastern deaneries would attend via media such as Skype. The diocese has this ability and would make it easier for the distant members to be on the Council and not have to travel.
 - Timetable for elections:
 - Election by October 2019, members in place by November 2019.
 - Promotion of the election would occur at Emmaus, Retreats, Continuing Ed and via email.
- T. Good reports that there has the formation of a committee to address the renewal of the diaconal formation program and the Deacon Council would be an integral part of the planning for this renewal process.
- No meeting was scheduled for next month
- Action Plan:
 - Continued work on election process by D. Coan and T. Good.
- Meeting adjourned.