

Deacon Council Minutes 1 - 13 - 17

Attending: Bob Ball, Denis Coan, Tim Good, Dennis Kudlak, Kevin Kunik, Fr. Mark Nowak, Richard Shewman, Dennis Socash (via Face Time), Denise & Jerry Sobrowski, Bob Walker, Steve & Vicky Washek.

Opening prayer: Bob Ball

The minutes from the October 14, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

1. Under identifying needs and appointments for Diocesan Ministries, the following suggestions were made:
 - Ministry to Vets
 - Technical help for the home-bound
 - Maria House to assist Bill Spoveri
 - Ministry to the Disabled - Catholic Charities (Michele Inter)
 - Federal Prison Ministry
2. No one had any further comments or corrections to the business from the last meeting, so we moved on to:

New business: (Around the table)

1. Tim Good suggested that we rotate locations of the first and second Deacon Couple retreats, so people could change locations.
2. Richard Shewman mentioned that with the four new ordinations this spring, we will have 66 active deacons in our diocese.
3. Kevin Kunik & Dennis Kudlak said that Saturday, October 28, 2017 would be Deacon Study Day. Deacon Jim Knipper from New Jersey is scheduled to speak on Prayer and Preaching.
4. Denis Coan referred to the fact that the training for the new Rite of Marriage will be finished soon.
5. Bob Ball advised us that Emmaus would be June 21 - 23 for the deacons and that we will have our own speaker. He also reinforced that Ray and Debbie Sobina are the new retreat coordinators.
6. Fr. Mark said that DVDs of Deacon Bill Ditewig's presentation were sent to all priests of the diocese. Deacon ordination will be in May. He and Richard Shewman spoke of a need for another "Road Show" this spring/summer. Qualifications and invitations to the wives must be stressed before the gatherings.

Adjournment: Our next official meeting will be on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wienker room. Having no further business, we adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deacon Robert L. Walker