

Deacon Council Minutes 9-12-14

Attending: Denise and Jerry Sobrowski, Fr. Mark Nowak, Richard Shewman, Dennis Kudlak, Bob Walker, Bob Ball, Denis Coan, Bill Saborsky.

Opening prayer: Jerry Sobrowski

1. Welcome to Dennis Kudlak and Bob Walker. This included self introduction and areas of council responsibilities from the rest of those present. Other new members from the Eastern and Western Vicariate will be available for the October meeting. All meetings for the 2014/15 year will be on formation weekend Fridays promptly from 4 to 5 pm.
2. The Constitution of the council has been approved and will be posted on the website soon.
3. We discussed and listed goals/agenda items for this year as follows:
 - a. The video on liturgy needs to be finished. Should we proceed with it?
 - b. Need to plan another Deacon Study Day soon. Look at reducing the number of speakers per day. Dennis Kudlak is willing to assist Kevin Kunik with this task.
 - c. Start Roundtables again (a high agenda item). These help to build community with us and the formation candidates as well as gives us another opportunity for continuing education hours.
 - d. Guidelines need to be developed for the use of social media posting by deacons in our diocese.
 - e. Discussed updating the video information and the whole diaconate website, as well as making a concentrated effort to keep it current. Denis Coan will look into this. Denis also mentioned a "Drop Box" to post various resources discovered by deacons (such as books, articles, videos, etc.) that others might be able to use to further our education.
4. It was suggested that there be a system set up whereby members of this committee would serve for a specified time, and then the term could be renewed at the discretion of that person or the director. This would allow people to step down without a feeling of guilt, and allow others to bring forward fresh ideas.
5. Our next meeting will be on October 10, 2014 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deacon Robert L. Walker