

SSDCA Zoom Meeting Minutes 1/21/25

Present: Ed Giblin (ex officio), John Payne, Dennis Lohouse.

Absent: Bernadette Rall, Rick Rall,

Note: Next meeting: 2/19/25 6:30 pm (on Zoom) Ed will establish Zoom Link.

Secretary's Report: Approve December minutes. John made motion to accept, Vince seconded. None opposed.

Financial Report: John Reported all approved.

Operating Fund Balance: \$5,781; St Lawrence Fund Balance: \$14,234;

Membership: Dues. Need another reminder.

New Officers: Don great job, Lon will write "Thank You". Welcome aboard to John and Vince.

Retreat: Notre Dame Retreat House is reserved for our retreat.

Dennis will draft letter to +SRN for our review to request speaker. Topic will focus around how we as deacons (and wives) work with the communities we are in to relate with people who feel marginalized or angst from polarization in our parish, community, country.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 6:00 - 8:00. West Side Deacon Prayer and Pizza at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center for the deacons and wives. We will discuss growth of community. **Don Eggleston is taking the lead and communicating with this group.**

Picnic: John and Carol Tomandl Update. **July 27, 2025 Cayuga State Park.** Money reimbursed to John and Carole for park and we will pay for chicken for those attending.

Women's Day of Reflection: Bernadette discuss support needed for future events. We will wait to discuss with Bernadette.

New leadership by area: I discussed with Ed that after many attempts to seek a replacement, I (Lon) has decided to step down as President in March 2025. The only way to find a replacement is to make create the vacancy.

We are still looking to build **Regional Leadership Development**, and **Small Support Groups**. Some are starting up. We can provide some seed money to stimulate if these groups deveop.

Ed Report:

Convocation – no date yet – will be determined by the Bishop's calendar

Lawsuit – new developments - the Rochester Beacon is the best local media source to get information on the lawsuit

Zawacki Awards Send out requests for nominations. In one letter to community.

Post Meeting: After speaking with Ed today, I will write a letter to the community to address leadership opportunities, specifically a need for a new president. I will resign at the end of March 2025.