

SSDCA Board Meeting 4/9/25

Attended: Ed Giblin, Rick Rall, Bernadette Rall, John Payne

Approval of Minutes: Approved from 3/18/25

Rick will invite Dennis Lohouse to next meeting to discuss retreat.

Financial Update: John Payne

30 deacons/couples paid dues – we have 68 active deacons

Operating fund balance: \$6,434

St. Lawrence fund balance: \$18,334

Leadership discussion:

Rick still looking for Vice President; Rick will write letter asking someone to step up for VP, dues reminder for July 1st and nominations for Stan Zawacki award – Ed will email the letter to the deacons

Discussion St. Lawrence Fund:

Funds have been disbursed through St. Lawrence Fund; in order to change where we donate funds, we would need to make a bylaws change – right now, we give to deacons with job loss or health issues

Phoebe's Friends:

Bernadette reported Widow's Luncheon is Tuesday, May 20th at St. John's of Rochester; Fr. Ed Palumbos if he will preside over the mass again this year; the next Day of Reflection – October 25th – morning to focus on Year of Hope and afternoon to focus on immigration concerns in Rochester

SSDCA Retreat: September 5-7 – Notre Dame Retreat Center – Fr. Sadhanala from St. John's in Spencerport to lead retreat; Diocese will pay for interpreters and room for retreat master; couples to pay directly to Notre Dame; parishes should be paying for retreat.

Convocation: no date yet, but probably in the Fall; Bishop Matano is covering masses at Sacred Heart, so busy right now

Picnic: July 27, 2025 at Cayuga State Park; will need orders for chickens

Reports: 3 more deacon turned 75 this year – other deacons senior status for various reasons; 4 possible incoming candidates for Fall – will finish in 2030; 2 ordinations this year – 2 next year – 1 in 2027; Rick and Bernadette restarting Ordination Breakfast – Ed will put out request for help

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 27th – 6 pm – Immaculate Conception

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Rall