

Deacon Council Meeting

November 9, 2023

Very Rev. Nicholas Rouch opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attendance: Very Rev. Nicholas Rouch, Deacon Thomas McAraw, Deacon Richard O'Polka, Deacon Richard Brogdon, Deacon Frank Luciani, Deacon Martin Aubel, Eleanor Walker, and Peggy Jacquel were present. Deacon Raymond Sobina was absent.

The minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as read.

It was noted that the May 9, 2024 meeting needed to be moved to May 16, 2024 as May 9 was on Ascension Thursday.

Deacon Brogdon presented a Deaconate Website Process Proposal to revamp the Diocese Website to Deacon Council. Council moved that we move forward with his proposal and it be presented at Deacon Study Day on December 2 .

Deacon McAraw presented the new Deacon Policy Manuel that had been approved by Bishop Persico to Council. The policy will be presented at Deacon Study Day on December 2.

Deacon McAraw presented the new Deacon Formation Plan that was approved by Bishop Persico. It will be presented at the Deacon Study Day on December 2.

Deacon O'Polka noted that Deacon Council will send a thank you to the committee that developed the plan.

Deacon McAraw noted the importance of Deacons completing their Ministry Profile with their pastor.

Deacon McAraw presented the current health and status of the Diocese Deacons.

Deacon Council discussed the importance of talking to Deacons and their wives about what might be included in Deacon Training Sessions. It was also discussed what Council could do to communicate with and support Deacon wives.

Deacon McAraw noted that we now have 47 active Deacons.

Deacon Council agreed that the January 11, 2024 meeting be zoomed.

Deacon Martin Aubel ended the meeting with a prayer.