

SSDCA Meeting – 9/17/24

Attended: Lon Smith, Ed Giblin (ex officio), Don Eggleston, Bernadette Rall. Absent: Rick Rall

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report: June minutes approved.

Financial Report: Don presented the financial report. Operating Fund Balance: \$5,834; St Lawrence Fund Balance: \$14,074

Retreat: There was no negative feedback from the retreat. Lon had all positive feedback. There was a little confusion as to where confession was being held, but taken care of quickly. Lon took Fr Bob Werth to lunch and he loved the retreat and benefitted as much as the retreatants.

SSDCA Picnic: feedback was received suggesting we book picnic as early as possible; was also suggested we go back to Sunday afternoon timeframe; Lon will work on this and get a date set as soon as possible

Holy Hour Program: deacon recruitment program set for next week on west side – after prayer time, Lon and Alex Delucenay will both speak regarding this ministry and what service means to them

Phoebe's Friends: Day of retreat on October 26th and there are 16 people registered to date. Bernadette will send agenda to Don to post on the website.

Widows Luncheon: Luncheon will be 9/24/24 at Padre Pio. Everything is all set and lunch will be soup, salad and pasta. It will be \$120 for food and \$50 for a mass stipend.

Spiritual Direction: Don met with Mercy Spiritual Center staff and was impressed by their process; it is \$50 per session if person can afford it or less; they reassess the relationship every 3-5 months to see if a change in spiritual director is necessary

George Welch and Gary Terrana are certified; Ed has a list, but most priests and/or spiritual directors are too busy to take on additional deacons; deacon candidates must have priest spiritual director so they come first and that is difficult as well; there are nationwide Spiritual Direction programs that are offered – perhaps we need to encourage more deacons to consider this

Bylaws: We should consider creating subcommittees, with deaneries, to begin reviewing the bylaws

New Officers: after the first of the year, Vince Franco will manage the webpage and John Payne will handle the financial management

Next 2 meetings: October 15, 2024 – 6 pm

November 19, 2024 – 6 pm