

Diocese of Fargo
Minutes of the Deans' Meeting- General Minutes
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1. Opening Prayer was offered by Bishop Aquila.
2. Attendance: Bishop Samuel Aquila, Msgr Joseph Goering, Very Reverend James Meyer, Very Reverend Dale Lagodinski, Very Reverend Phil Ackerman, Very Reverend John Kleinschmidt, Very Reverend Dale Kinzler , Very Reverend Franklin Miller, Very Reverend Al Bitz, Very Reverend Ross Laframboise. Absent: No one.
3. Approval of the April 7, 2011 Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved after one correction was made.
4. Deanery Reports
 - a. Deanery I – Fr Dale Lagodinski
 - i. Bishop visited the deanery. It was a good day.
 - b. Deanery II – Fr James Meyer
 - i. Their deanery has not met since the last Dean's Meeting. Nothing else to report.
 - c. Deanery III – Fr Phil Ackerman
 - i. Our next deanery meeting will be held Thursday, May 5th.
 - d. Deanery IV – Fr John Kleinschmidt
 - i. Two issues were discussed at their last deanery meeting:
 1. lack of form – annulments
 - a. they seem to be quite complicated to obtain them; why not obtained from the Chancellor's office?
 2. Follow-up for the annulment: counselors are finding the eight questions required to be difficult
 - a. Response: It would be good to have the counselor contact the tribunal directly
 - ii. Cardinal Muench Seminary
 1. where does the money go? Other questions such as seminarians tuition costs and diocesan policy regarding this
 - a. Bishop said that students at the college level are responsible for some of the tuition at this time.
 - b. The Vocation Office can provide information
 - e. Deanery V – Fr Dale Kinzler
 - i. The April meeting was a reconciliation service and dinner
 - ii. Another meeting scheduled for this month
 - iii. Rising waters are an issue for the area
 1. travel is difficult; roads have to be raised
 2. the water is level with the road at Fort Totten. There's 8 inches of water in the rectory basement at Fort Totten.
 - f. Deanery VI – Fr Franklin Miller
 - i. There was not an April meeting due to Holy Thursday.
 - g. Deanery VII – Fr Al Bitz
 - i. People don't want to put monies into the Deposit and Loan Fund because "the Bishop will take it away." Scott will be contacted about that issue.
 - h. Deanery VIII – Fr Ross Laframboise
 - i. Nothing to report
5. Old Business
 - a. Fargo Study

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- i. Deans asked to get input from priests. Msgr Goering did that; there was virtually no response.
 - b. Priests in Residence Study
 - i. Msgr Goering presented the changes made to the policy.
 - ii. The policy was discussed and approved by the Priest's Council on May 2, 2011.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Dean's Terms
 - i. This need to be reviewed.
 - ii. Deans can only serve two consecutive three year terms.
 - iii. Fr Phil's term is ending this year. He is completing his second term..
- 7. Next meeting
 - a. None scheduled.
- 8. Meeting adjourned.
- 9. Closing Prayer offered by Bishop Aquila.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr Phil Ackerman