

Diocese of Fargo
Minutes of the Deans' Meeting- General Minutes
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1. The Opening Prayer was offered by Bishop Aquila.
2. Attendance: Bishop Samuel Aquila, Msgr Joseph Goering, Very Reverend Dale Lagodinski, Very Reverend James Meyer, 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 May 3, 2011 Minutes
 - a. Approved as read.
4. Deanery Reports
 - a. Deanery I – Fr Dale Lagodinski
 - i. Steve Schons, the new Director of Stewardship came to their deanery meeting; he will help with the fund drive for the Wahpeton parish (new rectory, parking lot, demolition of the school).
 - ii. Installation of the new pastor, Fr Bill Gerlach of Oakes will take place on September 29th.
 - b. Deanery II – Fr James Meyer
 - i. Priests are asking about the Father's Day Collection regarding the "donut hole." Was it a one time collection?
 - ii. Cathedraticum – what is the money going to be used for? Maybe there is a need for some clarification.
 - iii. There was a questions on setting the date for the Bishop's visit to their deanery. Fr Meyer is working on that schedule.
 - iv. The new director of Stewardship, Steve Schons, attended their deanery meeting.
 - c. Deanery III – Fr Phil Ackerman
 - i. We had a deanery meeting over a week ago. We organized schedules for Advent and fall reconciliation services, pre-marriage weekend reconciliation services and Friday night priest socials.
 - ii. The term for the dean is expired. The priests nominated 3 priests for dean of Deanery III.
 - iii. Steve Schons, the new director of Stewardship, attended their deanery meeting.
 - d. Deanery IV – Fr John Kleinschmidt
 - i. They held meetings in June, July, and August. The priests discussed the preparations for the new Roman Missal.
 - e. Deanery V – Fr Dale Kinzler
 - i. A meeting was held last Thursday in Fort Totten.
 - ii. Catholic Charities gave cash cards to flood victims to Fr Dale. There was not a request for these in his area; he forwarded the cash cards to Minot.
 - f. Deanery VI – Fr Franklin Miller
 - i. They held a meeting last week with good attendance. The priests discussed the implementation of the new Roman Missal. They also discussed the ordination date for next year.
 - g. Deanery VII – Fr Al Bitz

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- i. There was a meeting last Thursday. Both the priest's meeting and the Lay Deanery Council meeting were held the same day. The new Diocesan Stewardship director, Steve Schons, met with both groups.
- h. Deanery VIII – Fr Ross Laframboise
 - i. Fr Jerome Okafor was installed as pastor.
 - ii. Al Wolf came to their deanery meeting to discuss Serra Clubs.
 - iii. The Youth rally will be held in Napoleon.
5. New Business
 - a. The Roman Missal
 - i. The implementation is going well.
 - ii. Some confusion
 1. as to which part of the phasing in is implemented – the spoken or the sung parts of the Mass?
 2. the “dialogue” (“And with your spirit”) has begun in some parishes. It is supposed to be done later.
 3. people asking: “is it just our parish doing this?” or “is this just happening in our diocese?”
 - b. Annual Clergy Retreats
 - i. Msgr Goering will send priest retreat forms to the deans.
 - ii. Deans will collect information from priests; deans will send completed forms to Msgr Goering.
6. Meeting adjourned.
7. Closing Prayer offered by Bishop Aquila.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr Phil Ackerman