

Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
Diocesan Council Meeting
February 9, 2006
Diocesan Offices, 1114 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Voting members present: Bishop Garrison, Kim Baker, Terry Bull, Nancy Consedine, Charles Deacon, Liam Doherty, Shawn Duncan, Philip Dougharty, Owen Gould, Steven Metcalfe, Barbara Northan, David Noves, Daniel Pinti, John Rupnow, and Douglas Turner.

Voting members unable to attend: Enrique Cadena, Kim Greene, and Catherine Way.

Others present: Victoria Duncan, Jack Marshall, Richard Cutting, Howard Gondree, and Lorraine Hapeman.

Total present: 20

The Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Opening devotions were offered by Kim Baker.

Consent agenda: The consent consisting of the minutes of the January 12, 2006 meeting and the Bishop's calendar was presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Bishop Brent School for Ministry Report: Tori Duncan, Chair of the Brent School, shared the Brent School is living into the year of community. In 2005 classes were offered in nine locations covering most the deaneries. Instructors are paid \$25 per hour. There is no charge to participants for the Safe Church and Diversity Training but the courses require two paid instructors. It costs approximately \$1,600 per year to run these programs and there is only \$750 budgeted for 2006. With the lack of funds available, a freeze has been put on the Safe Church & Diversity Training. Following discussion, it was decided to cover the cost of the Safe Church and Diversity training with either Forward in Faith or Leadership Development Funds.

Tom Michaels, representing the Insurance Committee, presented information on Employer Practices Liability