

Episcopal Diocese of Western New York  
Diocesan Council Meeting  
June 8, 2006  
Diocesan Offices  
1114 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo  
Minutes of Meeting

Voting members present: Bishop Garrison, Kim Baker, Terry Bull, Enrique Cadena, Nancy Consedine, Philip Dougharty, Shawn Duncan, Owen Gould, Steven Metcalfe, Barbara Northan, David Noves, Douglas Turner

Voting members unable to attend: Charles Deacon, Liam Doherty, Kim Greene, Daniel Pinti, John Rupnow and Catherine Way

Others present: Richard Cutting and Howard Gondree

Total present: 14

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

Consent agenda: The consent consisting of the minutes of the May 18, 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.

Financial Matters: The Bishop thanked the Finance Committee for its continued work. Steven Metcalfe, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2007 Funding the Mission report. The budget reflects the decision to maintain staffing and ministry levels but includes the upgrading for cost of living. It also reflects a fair share ask of \$1,010,803.00. A \$25,000 Partnership In Ministry grants program to help revitalize congregations has been included. Steven made a motion for acceptance of the 2007 Funding the Mission for presentation to the Diocesan Convention. The motion was seconded. Lengthy discussion followed about the intent of the 2006 diocesan convention resolution and the priorities set if additional funding was received, the restoration of part-time staff to full-time as a priority not being followed, the partnership in ministry grants, and that Council needs to be clear about what the priorities are when the budget is presented to convention. Terry Bull offered the following amendment: The \$25,000 built in the reasonably expected receipts of the 2007 budget be used to increase the youth missioner and Canon for congregational development to 90% and the balance be used for congregational grants as described in line 62155. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion failed.

The original motion to approve the 2007 Funding the Mission report for presentation to the diocesan convention passed.

Howard Gondree reported on the five month financial report. Revenues are still coming in slower than they should be. There was no discussion.

Shawn Duncan presented the resolution for the Diocese to observe a “We Will Stand With You” Sunday on August 27<sup>th</sup> in support of our partner parish, St. Paul’s Church in New Orleans. August 27<sup>th</sup> was chosen because it is the closest Sunday to the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The complete text of the resolution is attached to the original of these minutes. It will be included in a diocesan posting and in Church Acts. The resolution passed unanimously.

A letter was received from Trinity Church, Lancaster indicating that they will not be able to pay the \$12,000 pledged as their fair share. \$12,000 represents about 20% of their expected income. Trinity Church was looking for information and advice on what will happen if they fall short of their fair share. Steven Metcalfe offered to respond to the letter.

Parochial reports have not been received from St. Peter’s, Forestville; St. Michael’s, Buffalo and St. Philip’s, Buffalo. The Bishop asked that the Deanery representatives contact these churches. Phil Dougharty said that he had already contacted St. Philip’s.

The Bishop thanked those who signed up for the Octave of Prayer. He said the energy was felt and that it was important to lift each other up.

The Bishop also reminded members about elections of Council members in the deaneries before convention.

There being no further business, following closing devotions, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine B. Hapeman  
Secretary

(These minutes were transcribed from the tape recorder and notes taken by Nancy Consedine.)