

Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
Diocesan Council
September 13, 2007
Diocesan Offices, 1114 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo
Minutes of Meeting

Voting members present: Bishop Garrison, Kim Baker, Roland Brown, Nancy Consedine, Ann Dutton, Martin Gregg, Isaac Ihiasota, Steven Metcalfe, Barbara Northan, Colleen O'Connor, Gloria Payne-Carter, Margaret Rose, Douglas Turner and Catherine Way

Voting members unable to attend: Sarah Buxton-Smith, Owen Gould, John Rupnow and Daniel Weir

Others present: Richard Cutting (Treasurer), Howard Gondree (Comptroller) and Lorraine Hapeman (Secretary)

Total present: 17

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

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting and the Bishop's calendar, was approved as presented.

Reports from Deanery Council meetings: The Niagara and Central Erie Deaneries have upcoming meetings. The Eastern Erie Deanery reported having a good meeting that included the Wardens. This was the first meeting of that Deanery Council in a long time. The Wardens meetings will be held four times a year. The next meeting is September 26th at St. Aiden's, Alden.

The Bishop reminded the Deanery representatives that elections for Council need to be reported to the Bishop's Office in time to be announced at Convention.

Mission Topic: Suggestions for the use of the funds available for MDG's need to be ready for the October meeting. There is \$7,653.00 available. The Bishop suggested the support of Salvator Sabushimike, a political refugee from Burundi with connections with St. John's-Grace Church, Buffalo. Catherine Way suggested educational needs in South Africa. The Bishop also suggested Carpenter's Kids in Tanzania sponsored by the Diocese of New York. The decision for the distribution of funds will be made at the October meeting.

Marty Gregg led a discussion on developing leaders. He said that leaders are people that recognize the value in others and communicate it so well that those people see their own value.

Partnership in Ministry Grants update: The Committee met just prior to the Council meeting. The remaining balance of \$3,500 was awarded to the Southern Erie Deanery for advertising.

A report of programs funded will be made to Convention. Steven Metcalfe suggested that the Council members stay in contact with programs in their deaneries that were funded by these grants. It was decided to leave this item on the agenda so that updates and reports can be received by Council.

Preliminary Credentials Report: As of this date, there are two congregations that have not submitted a parochial report and one congregation that has not submitted an insurance Accord Binder. Nine congregations have paid less than 50% of the pledged support as of August 21st. Audits are due by October 1st. As of this date, more than half of the congregations have not submitted an audit. This is a preliminary report. The final report will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Financial Matters: Howard Gondree reported on the Eight Month Financial Report. Everything is pretty much on budget. Most variances are timing differences that will straighten out before the end of the year.

Futures Committee Preliminary Report: Barbara Northan stated that the Futures Committee is recommending a number of teams be formed by the end of the year. She reviewed the draft of the Recruitment Team Charter. A full report will be made at the October meeting.

Communication with congregations: Power Point presentations will be used during various parts of Diocesan Convention.

The Bishop encouraged members to attend and invite other to attend the Diocesan Offices Open House on September 16th from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine B. Hapeman
Secretary