

The Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
Diocesan Council
June 14, 2007
Diocesan Offices
Minutes of Meeting

Voting members present: Bishop Garrison, Kim Baker, Sarah Buxton-Smith, Nancy Consedine, Ann Dutton, Owen Gould, Martin Gregg, Isaac Ihiasota, Steven Metcalfe, Barbara Northan, David Noves, Gloria Payne-Carter, Margaret Rose, and Daniel Weir

Voting members unable to attend: Rowland Brown, Colleen O'Connor, Douglas Turner, and Catherine Way

Others present: Howard Gondree, Richard Cutting, Judith Lee, Philip Dougharty and Lorraine Hapeman

Total present: 19

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

The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the May 10, 2007 meeting and the Bishop's calendar, was presented. The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Deanery Council meetings: The Northern Erie, Southern Erie and Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Deaneries reported on recent meetings. The Eastern Erie Deanery reported an upcoming meeting.

The Bishop reported that about 48 people attended the Forging Our Future II event. A Task Force on Clergy Days will be formed to better communications with the clergy and the Bishop. Restructuring of the deaneries will be studied. Information will be published on the Forward Our Future listserv and in Church Acts.

Haiti Resolution next step: The Haiti Resolution passed at the May Council meeting needs clarification of the process distributed to the Standing Committee, Trustees, and other leadership groups. This will be taken to Convention and further participation encouraged. A possible article in Church Acts with a link to the website and a power-point presentation at Convention will be considered for further publicity.

The Rev. Philip Dougharty reported that the diocesan-wide survey yielded nine responses. Some of the wide variety of projects include - Heifer Project, People Funding People, AIDS Relief and ERD Gifts for Life. \$13,500 is already being used for these types of projects. Information on MDG projects and suggestions are forwarded to the clergy listserv. The September Council meeting agenda will include a discussion about how the MDG money will be used. There is \$7,653.00 available.

Partnership Grants: The Review Committee will be made up of persons from Episcopal Community Services and Diocesan Council. The joint committee will review applications and decide whether they are appropriate for ECS or Council. After discussion, it was decided that the Review Committee would have authority to approve grants. Members of the Committee will be Steven Metcalfe, Nancy Consedine, Gloria Payne-Carter, Colleen O'Connor, Greg Kay and Judith Lee. There is need for a reporting process. Steven Metcalfe will arrange for a first meeting of the committee.

2008 Diocesan Operating Budget: Steven Metcalfe presented the 2008 Diocesan Operating Budget. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve 2008 Proposed Diocesan Operating Budget for presentation to Diocesan Convention. The motion carried.

Communication with Congregations: Kim Baker and Margaret Rose visited Trinity Church, Hamburg. Better ways to communicate with and to help congregations is needed. Deanery Vestry Dinners were discussed as one way to promote communications. A small committee was formed to plan these meetings. Marty Greg will serve as chair. Members are Ann Dutton, Margaret Rose, Dan Weir and Lorraine Hapeman. A motion was made and seconded to approve the formation of this committee. The motion carried.

Kim Baker and Owen Gould discussed the use of power point presentations at Convention as a way to better communications.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine B. Hapeman
Secretary