

Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
Diocesan Council
Thursday, April 12, 2007
Diocesan Offices
Minutes of Meeting

Voting members present: Bishop Garrison, Kim Baker, Rowland Brown, Nancy Consedine, Owen Gould, Isaac Ihiasota, Barbara Northan, Gloria Payne-Carter, Margaret Rose, and Daniel Weir.

Others present: Judith Lee, Bob Meloon and Greg Kay representing Episcopal Community Services, Howard Gondree and Lorraine Hapeman

Voting members unable to attend: Sarah Buxton-Smith, Ann Dutton, Steven Metcalfe, David Noves, Colleen O'Connor, John Rupnow, Douglas Turner, Catherine Way and Martin Gregg (alternate).

Total present: 15

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer at 6:15 p.m.

The Consent Agenda, including the Bishop's calendar and the minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting, was approved as presented.

Deanery Council meeting reports: The Cattaraugus and Chataqua Deaneries held a joint meeting and will meet again in June. The Central and Northern Erie Deaneries will hold meetings in May and Niagara is planning to meet several times a year.

Mission Topics: Dan Weir and Gloria Payne-Carter reported that the resolutions for Council and Convention concerning Haiti should be ready for the May meeting. For future mission topics, Phil Dougharty should be contacted for some advance work on the MDG's.

Other reports: The General Convention Deputies will be invited to come to the May meeting of Council. The Deans will be invited to the June meeting of Diocesan Council to talk about what is happening in the deaneries, the diocese, communications between Council representatives and deanery, and deanery council meetings.

Financial Matters: Howard Gondree reported there is nothing unusual in the three month financial report. Early in the year there are always timing differences with income and expenses. At the May meeting of Council, the Finance Committee will present the 2008 preliminary budget. One of the big issues in the budget preparation is how to keep mission in the budget.

Communication with congregations: The Bishop contacted the three congregations that Council wants to visit (Trinity, Hamburg; St. Mark's, North Tonawanda; and Advent, Kenmore). Trinity, Hamburg meets on the second Wednesday of the month, St. Mark's, North Tonawanda suggested a meeting with the Wardens and Stewardship Committee, and Terry Bull (Advent,

Kenmore) was out of town so the Bishop will speak with him next week. Kim Baker and Margaret Rose agreed to go to Trinity, Hamburg. Dan Weir will call Jerre Feagin to arrange a meeting at St. Mark's, North Tonawanda.

Parochial Reports not received: As of April 12th, the following congregations have not submitted parochial reports: St. Paul's, Angola; Ascension, Buffalo; St. Peter's, Forestville; St. Paul's, Harris Hill; St. Mary's, Salamanca; St. David's, West Seneca. Deanery representatives will try to contact these congregations.

Episcopal Community Services Report: Bob Meloon, President of the ECS Board, along with Board members Judith Lee and Greg Kay, reported that 2-1/2 years ago ECS downsized and eliminated the position of Executive Director. Currently there are four active committees of Board functioning. To date \$91,700 has been received in cash, \$5,600 in United Way pledges received, and \$21,400 in outstanding pledges for a total of \$118,000. ECS is still hoping to receive an additional \$100,000. The campaign did not set a goal. Instead, each congregation was asked to set a goal. The Board will come to convention this fall with a request to change their by-laws to change the Board meetings to 5 times a year and increase the membership to 21 so that the Bishop could appoint 3 persons. With allocations being cut, the agencies have been more cooperative to help raise awareness and funds. The ECS Partnership in Ministry grants offered \$14,000 last year. The amount of PIM grant money available is one-tenth of the amount of the allocations. ECS would like Council to consider working together with their Partnership in Ministry grants and Council's Partnership grants. ECS grants are focused on outreach and the Diocesan grants are focused on parishes working together. One common application would be designed with a joint screening committee formed to review the applications. Gloria Payne-Carter and Colleen O'Connor serve on Council and the ECS Board and would be good persons to serve on the screening committee. Dan Weir made a motion to add a line on the bottom of the application that the application could be used for both grants, that a joint screening committee be formed and that separate accountability be maintained. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine B. Hapeman
Secretary of Diocesan Council