

VERGERS' GUILD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
April 23, 2004

The Board of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church met on Saturday, April 23, 2004 at 9:00 am in the Adult Classroom of Saint Michael and All Angles Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas. Attending were: David Jette, Wynne Porter, Margaret McLarty, Dianne Betts, Bill Gleason, and Walter Stuart. The meeting opened with a prayer by David Jette.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Conference

Dianne Betts presented a brief overview of the events planned for the remainder of the weekend and for the Conference in September. The Board accepted an invitation to Southfork Ranch for lunch and to discuss holding the Awards Banquet at the ranch. Plans were discussed to place ads for the Conference in the Living Church and Episcopal Life, as well as regional Diocesan newspapers. Conference brochures are to be mailed in early June. Workshop speakers are to be Tony Briggie, Acolyte Master and Verger at Saint Michael and All Angels, and The Rev. Dr. Louis Weil, professor at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. The theme of the Conference is to be Southwestern and the focus is to be on liturgy.

President's Report

David Jette thanked everyone for the efforts expended over the past year and expressed his pleasure with the progress of the Guild. He was especially pleased with the Nick Phillips as editor of the Vergers' Voice. He encouraged the Board to continue supporting Nick by providing articles for the Vergers' Voice. The growth in membership and the increase in Guild Shoppe items were also mentioned. David announced that he was nominating Roy Harvey as the new training course coordinator.

Treasurer's Report

Margaret McLarty and Walter Stuart presented a cash flow report as of 3/31/04. As of that date the Guild has \$18,662 in cash. They pointed out that a reserve of \$30,000 is being held for certificates and verges given to those who complete the training course. A discussion was held about transferring our account from Mississippi to Florida.

Membership Secretary's Report

Dianne Betts reported a paid membership of 514 to date. Renewals are still arriving. She plans to send out a Membership Directory within the next six weeks to the membership.

Training Course Report

In the absence of Joanne Forster, Bill Gleason reported that Training Courses continued to be purchased. Joanne is working to modify the course and provide an evaluation form for participants to provide feedback. She will work to transition the responsibilities to the new Training Course director.

### Nominating Committee Report

The offices of President will expire in September. Wynne Porter reported that he had received no official nominations though several names had been informally talked about. He plans to place a brief article in the Vergers' Voice outlining the characteristics of a good president: leadership ability, communication skills, and service to the Guild. It was suggested that David Jette consider serving one more term. David agreed to do that if it was the will of the nominating committee.

### Guild Shoppe

Bill Gleason reported that the Guild Banner had been completed by Wippells and would be dedicated on Sunday, April 24, 2004 at Saint Michael and All Angels. He is working to have a custom case made so that it can be shipped around the country as needed. He also reviewed the new Shoppe brochure describing some of the new items for sale.

### The Vergers' Voice

Nick Phillips was unable to attend but did send a comprehensive report on the Vergers' Voice. He reviewed the cost of mailing and he urged everyone to help with material for the issues. He also suggest we post the Vergers' Voice on our website. He plans to publish seven issues this year to "catch up" with news and then possibly cut back to four or five issues per year.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Conference

Margaret McLarty announced that plans were being formalized to hold next year's conference at the University of the South. She provided materials for the Board about the University and its facilities.

The next Board meeting was set for 9:00 am Thursday, September 23, 2004 in Dallas.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Betts  
Secretary  
Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church