

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD IN DALLAS

The 16th Full Business Meeting of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church was held at Saint Michael & All Angels in Dallas, Texas. There were 72 members present.

David Jette, the President, announced the following appointments for the coming year:

Nicholas Phillips – Newsletter Editor

Rev. Pete Gusin – Chaplain

Rev. Milton Williams, Jr. – Asst. Chaplain

Dianne Betts – Membership Secretary

Mike Malone – Webmaster

Roy Harvey – Training Course Coordinator

Audit Committee – Thomas Solieri, Margaret McLarty, Roy Harvey, Dianne Betts, and John Cole.

It was reported that membership in the Guild has grown to 548 members representing 309 parishes, 40 states, and 4 countries. From the nine Chapter reports, it appears that the role of the verger is growing across the country and more and more parishes have embraced this ministry.

Mike Malone, webmaster, pointed out that there were three new enhancements to the website: online translation, an electronic copy of the Vergers' Voice, and an online Guild Shoppe. He encourage everyone to continue to use the website as a resource.

Margaret McLarty, 2005 Conference host, gave a brief presentation on next year's conference which will be held from October 27 – 30. We will be gathering on the campus of the University of the South at Swanee in Tennessee. It promises to be an exciting conference as we enjoy the beauty of the mountaintop.

The meeting concluded with the President's Reflections. He pointed out that change was occurring in the church. He encouraged us to embrace that which was necessary to bring the Church into the 21st century.