

VGEC BOARD MINUTES
Friday, April 27, 2007
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Albuquerque, NM

Attending: David Jette, Anna McHargue, Dianne Betts, Walter Stuart,
Bill Gleason, Roy Harvey, Emilie Rowe

Guild President, David Jette, called the meeting to order then led the Board in prayer.

Appointments

The following appointments were made for the year:

Mike Malone – Webmaster
The Rev. Milton Williams – Co-Chaplain
The Rev. Stuart Hoke – Co-Chaplain

It was noted that Robert Larson has been a disappointment as editor of the Vergers' Voice. We need to seek a new editor.

President's Report

Elections for President occur this year. Anna will work with the nominating committee to coordinate that.

The 2008 Conference can be held in Burlington, Vermont at St. Paul's Cathedral. Carol Walters of St. Paul's Cathedral is coordinating this. The dates are October 23 – 26. A contract with the Courtyard Marriott has been signed.

We need to find a volunteer to host the 2009 conference, preferably on the west coast or in the Midwest.

Secretary's Report

There continues to be delays in acquiring address changes and in reporting deaths among the group. Again, we will ask the membership to be more diligent.

Treasurer's Report

Walter presented a financial statement (see attached). He has reorganized the financials with new profit and loss categories. As of February 28, 2006 we have income of \$17,463 and expenses of \$6047. It was voted to have board approval for checks greater than \$2000. It was also voted to move our assets from AmSouth to Morgan Keegan. Both firms are owned by Regions Financial

but Morgan Keegan will allow us to earn a higher return on idle cash and will be more convenient. We were reminded that we are a 501(c)3 organization. We also decided to use the interest on various accounts and any profits from the conferences to fund scholarships to pay 50% of the conference dues at annual meetings for youth vergers. This year's beneficiaries will be chosen from youth vergers in the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Membership Report

Dianne reported current memberships at 700. We will continue mailing the directory with the membership certificates. It was noted that the conference pictures featured in the directory were not of good quality. Bill Gleason volunteered to help us acquire better image files.

Guild Shoppe Report

Bill noted that we had to acquire a large stock of VGEC badges from Almy which left the Guild Shoppe with a negative balance for the year. This supply, however, should last a number of years. We will have a Guild Shoppe set up for the September meeting.

Training Course Report

Roy reported that we have 17 new course applications. It was voted to ask those taking the course to send a letter from the clergy mentor signifying satisfactory completion of the course and place the actual course in the parish archives. A copy of the letter will then be given to the recipient along with the certificate. Verges will be mailed to recipients rather than presented at the conference.

Conference Committee Report

Emilie reported that the conference was well on track. She presented a tentative agenda that includes three workshops and visits to various local sites. Bishop Steenson will address the group at the business session on Saturday.

Other business

It was decided that the Vice President would assume the responsibility of conference coordinator for the board.

The next board meeting was set for Thursday, September 27th in Albuquerque.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Betts

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Secretary, Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church.