

**THE VERGERS' GUILD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NINETEENTH FULL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2007  
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

Guild President, David Jette, opened the 19<sup>th</sup> Full Business Meeting with prayer at 9:30 a.m. IN THE Anna Kaseman Hall. The Guild Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

Emilie Rowe, Conference Host, announced that registration for this year's conference was 91 people. She complemented everyone for being so cooperative.

Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

**Appointments**

David announced the following appointments:

Rev. Milton Williams, Jr. – Co-Chaplain  
Rev. Stuart Holke – Co-Chaplain  
Dianne Betts – Membership Secretary  
Mike Malone – Webmaster  
Roy Harvey – Training Course Coordinator  
Margaret McLarty – Interim Newsletter Editor

**President's Report**

David Jette announced that all past presidents would be accorded the title President Emeritus and would serve as ex-officio members of the board. He also reported that the Board had decided to award conference hosts \$500 from Guild monies to defray expenses. The Guild would also pay for any national ads and would provide scholarships to youth vergers. He announced that the Guild Banner was available for installations. Anyone interested should contact Bill Gleason. This year, as in the past several years, virges would be mailed to recipients rather than presented at the banquet. Travel restrictions make them difficult to get through security.

**Vice-President's Report**

Anna McHargue, reported the Nominating Committee consisting of herself, Pat Allen, and Danny Meaders nominated Margaret McLardy for President. Margaret was elected by acclamation.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from last year's conference in Boca Raton were approved by acclamation as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Guild Treasurer, Walter Stuart, presented the 2007 Financial Report. Balances from all accounts total \$101,801.82. A copy is attached. Since there were no corrections to the Financial Statements, the Financial Statements will be filed for audit.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

David reported that Membership Secretary, Dianne Betts, reported that the Guild has 763 members representing 47 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 countries. Membership renewal forms will be sent out in November for 2008 dues.

### **Guild Shoppe Report**

Bill Gleason announced that the Guild Shoppe would be open tonight in the hospitality room at the hotel. Tom Solieri will be assisting Bill.

### **VGEC Training Course**

Roy Harvey reviewed the procedure for requesting and submitting the training course. It was announced that 47 courses had been sent out in 2007. Six graduates will be honored at this year's Banquet.

### **Vergers Voice**

Margaret McLarty, interim editor, reminded everyone to send articles and photos of interest to the guild. She noted that we are looking for a permanent editor.

### **Conference Reports**

2008 – Carol Walters, invited the Guild to have the conference in Burlington, Vermont during the last weekend in October 2008. The host church will be The Cathedral Church of St. Paul. She provided material about Vermont and encouraged everyone to attend.

2009 – David Jette announced we were still looking for a host for the 2009 Conference. Central Florida and Oregon have expressed an interest in hosting a conference.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Webmaster, Mike Malone, was unable to attend.

### **New Business**

The five vergers attending from outside the United States were recognized: Nancy Paulin and Hank Williamson from Canada and Chris Loder, Tom Cameron, and Steve Haude from the UK.

Danny Meader reported on the situation along the Gulf in the aftermath of Katrina and pleaded for Gulf Coast volunteers.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

### **President's Address**

Guild President, David Jette, presented his address. A copy of the report is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Betts

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