

VGEC BOARD MINUTES
Friday, April 17, 2009
St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego, CA

Attending: Margaret McLarty, David Jette, Pat Allen, Dianne Betts, Bill Gleason, Walter Stuart, Kate Pendzuk, Brooks Mason

Guild President, Margaret McLarty, called the meeting to order then led the Board in prayer.

Conference Report

The Very Reverend Scott E. Henderson met with the Board for a discussion of possible workshop topics and activities for the conference. The Dean expressed pleasure in behalf of the cathedral for the opportunity to host the conference. Pat Allen will continue working with the Dean and the vergers to decide what topics to include for workshops and what activities would be both informative and entertaining for the attendees.

President's Report

Margaret spent a few minutes sharing her vision for the Guild in the coming year. She is working with General Convention officials to be sure that vergers are available for the various eucharists at the Convention. The Board voted to sponsor a booth at the Convention as well to educate attendees about the ministry of the verger. We would need a budget of at least \$2500. As a part of an information effort, she hopes to create a new verger brochure targeted to clergy. She also asked the board to consider ways to train new vergers, suggesting that we might author "An Episcopal Handbook".

She continues in her efforts to revamp both the website and the newsletter and suggested that perhaps we offer chapter links on the website.

The following appointments were made:

Chaplain: The Rev. Stuart Hoke

Newsletter: no editor named but Margaret will continue to coordinate

Website: Mike Malone will remain while we explore other options.

Margaret read an email from Mike Malone who expressed a willingness to turn over the site to a professional or someone who had more time to spend with it. It was decided to allocate \$2500 for web design.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the October, 2008, Board meeting were approved with corrections.

We currently have 852 members from 41 states and the District of Columbia and representing 4 countries (U.S., Great Britain, Ireland, and Canada). Dues notices were sent out in November for 2009 and are still being received. We need to encourage members to provide more timely updates.

Treasurer's report

see attachment

Walter expressed a need to hire an auditor to audit the books and someone to professional prepare our tax returns. These were authorized by the board.

Guild Shoppe

Current inventory is fine at the moment. Sales are continuing and a jewelry brochure is being prepared. Bill recommended that we cancel our American Express credit card and apply for a Visa card sponsored by UPS.

Training Course

Kate reported that she now had computer files set up for the training course. She has also received all the binders and other materials from Roy. We have 5 completed courses at the moment and 253 uncompleted courses. There are 2 missing training manuals. She has created an expense form as well as a standard operating procedure and increased communication. She suggested that the Guild identify vergers in a number of geographical areas that could serve as mentors for those working on the training course. It was determined that we need to strengthen the current training course.

General Business

It was confirmed that those serving as Presidents Emeriti would have voice but no vote at board meetings.

Future conferences:

2010: Washington National Cathedral – there was much debate on accommodations around the National Cathedral. Expense appears to be a major concern. Pat will work with Duke on exploring options.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Betts

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Secretary, Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church.