

VGEC BOARD MINUTES  
Thursday, October 22, 2009  
Park Manor Suites, San Diego, CA

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

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

The Park Manor Suites staff welcomed the Guild and introduced themselves.

Margaret reported that Stuart Hoke has agreed to remain as Chaplain. Mike Malone will no longer be responsible for the website but has agreed to continue as Vlist manager. Margaret noted that Digital Faith is our Vlist vendor.

#### 2010 Conference Report

Duke Duteil announced that the 2010 Conference would be held in conjunction with the annual Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral. The tentative schedule includes:

Thursday – Oct. 7 – Registration, Evensong, Reception  
Friday – Oct. 8 – Business meeting, workshops, cathedral tours, organ demo,  
evening prayer, banquet  
Saturday – Oct. 9 – Acolyte Festival, free afternoon, moonlight monument tour  
Sunday – Oct. 10 – Festival procession

Conference hotel will be the Embassy Suites, Bethesda. Online registration will be available. He encouraged us to avoid flying into Dulles airport.

#### 2010 Conference Report

Brooks went over the schedule and noted that a concierge would be available at the Cathedral to answer questions and assist anyone with directions, etc. There are currently 84 vergers and guests registered.

#### President's Report

Margaret reviewed her plans for the website. She hopes to include customaries, the installation service, a membership list, information on conferences, a photo gallery, and chapter links. It was decided that Walter and Margaret would research annual fees for chapter links. We will no longer be using Joynet for the Vlist. Mike Malone will contact them. At present we are still searching for a Newsletter editor and a webmaster.

#### Secretary's Report

Minutes from the April, 2009, Board meeting were approved. We currently have 847 members from 47 states plus the District of Columbia and representing 3 countries. Dues notices will be sent out in November for 2010.

#### Treasurer's report

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Walter requested that we hire H&R Block once again to prepare our tax return and audit our books. The board agreed to do that. Convention booth expenses were approved and the board agreed to send a basket of goodies as a "thank you" to Char Vinik for her work on the brochure. Walter expressed dismay at the conflict with Char though Margaret felt it was due to a misunderstanding. She agreed to contact Char and apologize for any misunderstanding.

#### General Convention

Margaret noted that the convention was a great experience and increased visibility for the verger ministry. This was seconded by both Kate and Pat. Six vergers served at the Festival Eucharist and helped to man the Verger Booth. The cups distributed at the booth were a big hit with many attending the convention. Margaret was praised for her good work and it was agreed that we will do this again in 2012. \$7500 was allocated for expenses to be amortized over 3 years.

#### Guild Shoppe

Current inventory is fine at the moment. Sales are continuing though they are slower this year but have increased since General Convention. Supplies are being ordered as needed.

#### Past President's Report

David sent his regrets but did send the following suggestions:

By-laws need to be revised

Board needs to be expanded

#### Training Course

Kate reported that she has sent out 39 courses since December. Sixteen have been completed this year and five have already been completed for next year. The courses will be on display. She noted that she is revising the course on a continual basis. There was a lively discussion about keeping copies of the course. At present, we will continue to do so. Joe Sturdevant has agreed to be a mentor coordinator.

#### Vice President's Report

Pat will be working on creating a “conference customary” so that hosts will have a guideline to follow. No nominations have been received to date for the offices of secretary and treasurer. Danny Meadors and Scott Smith have agreed to serve on the nomination committee.

### General Business

It was decided that we encourage attendance at diocesan conventions. Where needed we can offer a stipend to offset booth fees. \$250 each for 10 conventions per year was allocated. Bill offered to explore the cost of creating banners that could be used for booths.

It was also agreed that we allocate \$1000 each year from the Scholarship Fund to offset conference registration costs for junior vergers and, on a case-by-case basis,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the registration fees for other vergers would be paid from the same account.

Additional discussion about the newsletter and website occurred. Margaret agreed that a communications committee, possibly headed by Scott Smith, could request RFPs from Char and others to take on both the website and the newsletter for a stipend.

In response to David’s suggestion, Margaret noted that she would solicit suggestions for board members-at-large at the business meeting. The current by-laws allow her to appoint one member-at-large. It was also suggested that chapter presidents be members of the board.

Margaret appointed David Jette to prepare a revision of the by-laws for board approval and submission to the general body at the next conference.

Bill read a resolution of appreciation for David. It was agreed that it should be presented at the banquet.

### Future conferences

2010 – Washington, DC

2011 – Cleveland

2012 – ?

2013 – Nashville

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Betts

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