

THE VERGERS' GUILD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TWENTY-FIRST FULL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2009
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
SAN DIEGO, CA

Guild President, Margaret McLarty, opened the 21st Full Business Meeting with prayer at 9:30 a.m. in the Guild Room of the Cathedral. The Guild Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

Brooks Mason, Conference Host, announced that registration for this year's conference represented 79 vergers and guests.

Mark Hoyer of Wippel's was welcomed and thanked for attending the conference.

Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Appointments

Margaret announced the following appointments:

Rev. Stuart Holke – Chaplain
Mike Malone – Vlist monitor
Kate Pendzuk – Training Course Coordinator
Dianne Betts – Membership Secretary
Scott Smith – Communications Committee
David Jette – By-laws Committee
Joe Sturdevant – Mentoring Program

President's Report

Margaret announced that we have had communications issues, including a serious virus on the website. We are in the process of reworking our website. She solicited help for both the website and the newsletter. The Guild booth at General Convention was a big success and the vergers who served at the Festival Eucharist were much appreciated by those coordinating the liturgy. Margaret served as the Master of Ceremonies of all of the services. She noted that the worship during the Convention was glorious. As part of our goal to make vergers more visible, Margaret urged participation at diocesan events. Stipends will be available to help defray expenses.

In an effort to expand input to the Board, It was announced that Chapter Chairs will be invited to be non-voting members of the Board.

Vice-President's Report

Pat Allen announced that there were no additional nominations for Treasurer so Walter Stuart was elected by acclamation.

There were 2 nominations for the position of Secretary: Cheryl Cantrell and Bill White. Bill White was elected for a 3-year term.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from last year's conference in Burlington were approved by acclamation as amended. It was reported that the Guild has 847 members representing 47 states, the District of Columbia, and 3 countries. Membership renewal forms will be sent out in November for 2010 dues. Dianne Betts reminded those sending Parish memberships that addresses, etc. were needed for each member on the parish membership.

Treasurer's Report

Walter Stuart presented the 2009 Financial Report. Balances from all accounts total \$125,548.88. A copy is attached. Since there were no corrections to the Financial Statements, the Financial Statements will be filed for audit.

Guild Shoppe Report

Bill Gleason announced that the Guild Shoppe would be open tonight in the hospitality room at the hotel. He also reported on the growth of the Guild Shoppe and noted that sales continued to grow.

VGEC Training Course

Kate Pendzuk reported that there will 16 vergers becoming Fellows of the Guild at the banquet. Five courses have already been completed for next year. Interest in the course continues.

Vergers Voice

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

Conference Reports

Duke Duteil reported on next year's conference to be held in conjunction with the National Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC at the National Cathedral. The dates are: Oct 7 – 10, 2010.

The conference hotel will be the Embassy Suites located near the Friendship Heights Metro station. Conference registration and other info will be posted on the website.

Other conferences are: Cleveland – 2011 and Nashville – 2013.

Chapter Reports

Reports were given from the following chapters:

R.K. Rollason
Diocese of Dallas
Diocese of Mississippi
Wacco Mace Chapter
Trinity Chapter
CEGV
Anglican Church of Canada

President's Perspective

Margaret provided insight from her General Convention experiences. She noted that vergers will be important to the sustainability of the church in the future. We must all work hard to be a “welcoming ministry.”

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Betts

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