

VGEC
Chapter Development Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date: January 14, 2014

Members Present: Rich Lammlin, Richard Parker, Vyonne Carter-Johnson, Martha-Sue Blythe, Nicholas Birchum

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. EST by Chairman Rich Lammlin. Rich reported that he had recently spoken to Scott Smith by telephone. Scott requested that we use the phrase “Diocesan Chapters of the VGEC” in our correspondence with others to emphasize our desire to keep chapters within the diocese.

There was some discussion about the number of reminders members are getting to renew their Guild membership. The committee thought that 2 reminders would be sufficient.

Next, the discussion turned to the purpose of the meeting. We discussed the mission statement which is written at the beginning of the ‘Chapter’ tab on our website. After some discussion, we agreed that the current statement needed to be slightly amended to include existing chapters and the role of the Verger. We then agreed on a revised statement to read as follows:

“The Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church encourages the establishment of Diocesan Chapters to aid in improving local training, education, and fellowship among vergers as we continue to serve God in His church. We have an active Chapter Development Committee ready to help you with any questions that you may have about developing a new chapter or revitalizing an existing chapter.”

Rich noted that he has already had three inquiries from interested Vergers wanting to start new chapters. They were from Maryland, North Carolina, and California. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Parker, Recording Secretary