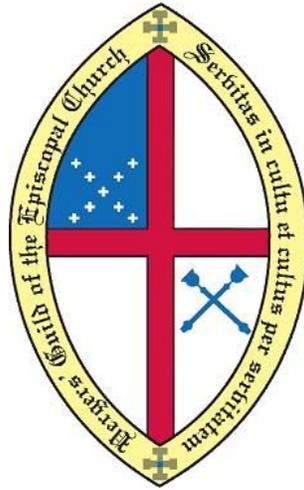


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Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church

Online Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2016 @ 8:00pm EST

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott at 8:04 p.m.

Board Members Present: Scott Smith, Cheryl Cantrall, Duke DuTeil, Richard Parker, Rich Lammlin, Margaret McLarty, Ken Holloway, Vyonne Carter-Johnson, and Terry Hughes.

Opening Prayer (For Guidance, BCP p. 832)

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2016 Goals

Scott

The board had a general discussion about the following:

- Succession Planning
- Annual Conference Guidelines
- Guild Shop migrated from Amazon Web Store
- Focus on Membership

Approval of prior meetings

Cheryl

1. October 1, 2015 Board Meeting
2. October 3, 2015 Annual Meeting
3. October 3, 2015 Board Meeting

Deferred to the next meeting.

Committee Chairs and Members

Scott

Review of board members and the committees which are found on our website under Guild Leadership.

Annual Conference Committee

Terry

Terry said that he was trying to get the Verger banner from St. Louis to its next destination but was not having much luck. He also said that he was working to revamp the committee membership and get some new members. He then reminded the Board of the next two Conference sites. He reported that Dallas had the 2016 Conference under control and that it should be a good one. The next two conferences are:

- 2016 - Spokane
- 2017 - Atlanta

Terry also said that the 2018 conference had not been discussed yet. Scott said that he was working on registration.

Chapter Development Committee

Rich/Vyonne

Rich reported that this committee was large and the members should be from other regions around the country. He said that two more chapters were developing and that he would give a detailed report at the Mid Year meeting. He reported that there are now 12 chapters on the website. A new chapter in Eastern Maryland is also starting up. Vyonne said things in West Texas were beginning to move with an upcoming meeting in March. Duke said that he would attend the upcoming meeting. Rich asked that any information about chapter meetings be relayed to him to update the Guild's website.

General Convention Committee

Scott

Duke will be the new chair for this committee. A new Episcopal Church Relations committee was formed and Margaret was appointed chair. The new committee will be used to tighten our relationship with the church. There was a brief discussion about the decision of the Primates at their recent meeting in England.

Guild Shop

Barry

In Barry's absence, the board had a discussion about the Guild Shop. Guild Shop was going well and there would be a transition to Shopify in June.

Membership Committee

Cheryl

The committee is working fine and are trying to get everything flowing in the most efficient manner. Bounce back emails have been reduced as a result. Membership is growing as 40-50 new members had been added since the first of the year.

Membership letters were going out for renewals. Scott reported that he was going off this committee.

Nominations Committee

Scott

Scott reminded the Board that the first class under the new board organization will be up for election in Spokane.

Secretary Report

Richard

Richard reported that he was getting to know the Guild docs and Google Drive. He and Scott will meet by phone to review procedures.

Chaplain's Report

Scott for Matthew

Scott reported that Rev. Walt Kindergan has accepted the invitation to be the Associate Chaplain for the Guild. Matthew was planning another pilgrimage in 2016.

Financial Report

Duke

Duke reported that he has not closed out 2015 because he has not gotten the final numbers from the St, Louis Conference. His requests for those numbers have been unanswered. He said that he would continue his efforts to get the final numbers from the Conference organizers. He did report that the bank account is back up to almost \$17,000. He felt good about 2016.

Communication and Technology

Michael

Scott reported that during the past few months our blog had been dormant but we hope to get with Ken and move forward soon. Any ideas for articles would be appreciated.

Training

Duke

Duke reported that Training is going strong and that 13 vergers had completed the course so far since St. Louis. He said that his feedback from Clergy has been very positive. They seem to be happy with this new training course. He then reported that he is also working on his succession plan. Duke concluded by saying that he wants to keep our training efforts in house so our message stays consistent.

New Business

All

A discussion was held concerning the value of the Canadian currency. Terry asked if the Guild would consider funding scholarships to offset the cost of conference registration. A motion was made by Duke to form a study group to explore ways to offset fluctuations in the Canadian currency. Margaret seconded the motion. All voted in favor of forming the study group. The group will consist of Scott, Duke, and Terry. They will report back to the Board.

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Important Upcoming Events and Notes

2016-04-14 Mid-Year in Spokane, WA (Thursday afternoon and Friday)

2016-06-16 Thursday, 8PM EST Online

2016-08-18 Thursday, 8PM EST Online

2016-09-22 Thursday, 8AM in Spokane, WA (#VGEC28 Conference)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Richard Parker,
Secretary to the Board.