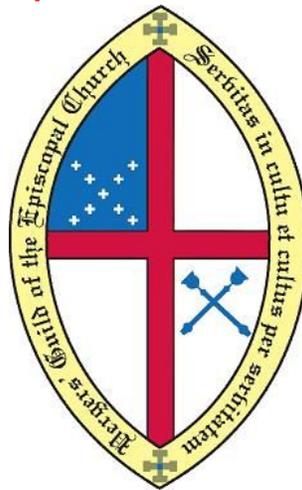


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## Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church

### On Line Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2016

#### **Call to Order:**

**Scott Smith**

The On Line Board Meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. Current Board members attending were Scott Smith, Cheryl Cantrall, Duke DuTeil, Richard Parker, Yvonne Carter-Johnson, Rich Lamlin, Terry Hughes, and Michael Sanchez. The Prayer for Guidance was read by Scott Smith.

Past President Margaret McLarty also joined the meeting. Dallas Hawkins from Spokane joined the meeting later to give a brief report on the 2016 VGEC Conference.

#### **2016 Goals Review**

**Scott Smith**

The Board reviewed the 2016 goals. The President thanked all who helped get the Guild shop onto its new platform. He also said that a committee on membership is being formed. The Annual Conference Guidelines are also being developed.

#### **Approval of the minutes**

**Richard Parker**

The minutes of the April 15, 2016 Mid Year meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

**Annual Conference****Terry Hughes**

Terry reported that Atlanta has sent their 2017 Conference proposal to the Board. He noted that their format was somewhat different than we have seen in the past. The Board agreed to meet with the Atlanta Conference Committee in Spokane to talk about the schedule of events.

Duke made a short report on the Denver conference in 2018 and Camp Allen in 2019.

**Chapter Development****Vyonne / Rich**

It was reported that West Texas and Eastern Maryland would be presented as new chapters at the Annual Conference in Spokane. Michael reported that he was interested in starting a new chapter in the Diocese of Oregon.

**Guild Shop****Barry Norris**

Barry reported (by a text message) that the Guild Shop was working well. Michael reported that the new format was easier to make changes. He said that he would like to create a new look for the Shop.

**Membership****Cheryl Cantrall**

Cheryl reported that membership renewals were coming in on time for the past several months. She also said that Michael Rhodes from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania has agreed to help with the hyperlinks in the Verger Website.

There was a discussion about membership cards. Cheryl and Michael will continue with this project with a goal of presenting the new cards to those who attend the Spokane Conference.

**Nominations Committee****Scott Smith**

Scott announced the members of this newly formed committee. They are Ellie Lopez, Diane Carlisle, Duke DuTeil, Marcia Lauzon, and Rich Lammlin. They will get organized and elect a chair and move forward based on the rules outlined in our Bylaws.

Scott said that Rich Lammlin announced that he would not be running for a second term on the Board of the Directors.

**Chaplain's Report****Scott Smith**

Scott reported that our Chaplain was in England and said that Matthew was excited about his next Verger Pilgrimage.

**Financial Report****Duke DuTeil**

Duke said he had closed out our account with Amazon. He then said that the accounting with Shopify was more complicated. Scott suggested that Duke talk to a tech to work towards a solution. He then noted said that the transaction costs were less with Shopify.

Duke then reviewed the Balance Sheet with the Board. He then reviewed the Banking Summary. He felt that our finances were in good shape for this time of the year.

A motion was made by Vyonne to accept the financial report, seconded by Cheryl. All voted in favor.

### **Communication and Technology**

**Michael Sanchez**

Michael encouraged each Board Member to write an article for the blog post. Michael also reported that he is working with Cheryl to finalize the new membership cards and to create a new look for the Guild Shop on Shopify.

### **Training**

**Duke DuTeil**

Duke reported that 33 new fellows who have completed the course since our last Conference. He reported that he is seeing more big churches and cathedrals using the course for group studies. There was a general discussion about the relationship with the VGEC and various seminaries.

### **General Convention**

There was a short discussion about the next General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

### **Episcopal Relations**

**Margaret McLarty**

Margaret reported that she and the Presiding Bishop had an interesting conversation about the Verger's Guild and its expansion over the past several years. She and Scott intend to meet with Bishop Curry soon in New York.

### **Annual Convention**

**Dallas Hawkins**

Dallas reported that the planning for the 2016 Spokane Conference is proceeding nicely. He and his host committee are excited about the upcoming Conference in September.

### **Important Upcoming Board Meeting**

2016-09-22 Thursday, 8 a.m. in Spokane, WA (#VGEC28)

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Richard Parker, Secretary to the Guild