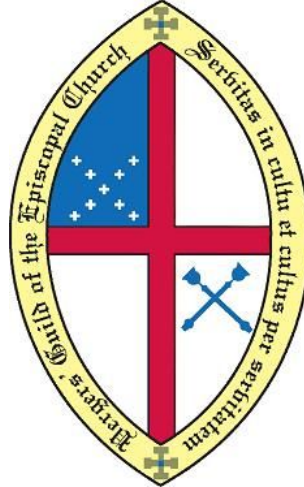


Approved February 9, 2017



**Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016 @ 8:00 p.m. EST**

**Call to Order**

Scott

Scott called the meeting to order at 8:06 P.M. EST. Those attending were Vyonne, Scott, Richard, Michael, Margaret, and Darin, Terry. Board members not attending were Duke, Cheryl, Barry and Matthew. According to the By-Laws, 6 members are needed to establish a quorum.

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, who has called us into the fellowship of your Church, grant, we pray, that in all our churches we may fulfill the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual homes. And on those who offer themselves for service as vergers in the house of God bestow the fullness of your grace, that, united in love to you, and to one another, we may show forth your glory and hasten the coming of Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Approval of Minutes**

Richard

Richard reviewed the minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting in Spokane. A few minor changes were made to the responsibilities of the Governance Committee. The minutes were approved. Richard then reviewed the minutes for the September 24, 2016 meeting in Spokane. Those minutes were approved with no corrections.

## Meeting Schedule for 2017

Richard

Richard then presented the schedule of meeting for 2017. They are as follows:

Feb. 9, 2017	online meeting	8:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Epiphany 5
April 28, 2017	Mid Year Meeting	Atlanta, GA	Easter 2
July 20, 2017	online meeting	8:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Pent. 6
Oct. 12, 2017	Annual Conf.	8:00 a.m. Eastern Time	Pent. 18
Oct. 14, 2017	Business Meeting	To Be Determined	
Oct. 14, 2017	Elect Officers	After Business meeting	
Dec. 14, 2017	online meeting	8:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Advent 2

## Goals for 2017

Scott

Scott reviewed the goals for 2016. There was a long discussion about our 2017 goals.

The Board set the following goals for 2017:

1. Annual Conference: Continue work on Conference Guidelines
2. Technology: Develop and launch MMS v2.0
3. Communications: Overhaul Blog, Committee development
4. Chapters, Guild Shop and Communications: Diocesan Convention Kits (who owns and aggressively drives?)
5. Membership: Parish audits, Aggressively reach out to members
6. Marketing: "I am a verger, count me in!" Chief Marketing Officer
7. Governance: Business Continuity

Scott asked that these goals need to have clear ownership by our next meeting.

## **Committee Assignments**

Scott reviewed the following committees with the Board. They will propose the committee members to the Board and the President will select the Committee chairs. They will consider the following committees:

Annual Conference

Chapter Development

Communication and Technology

Episcopal Relations

General Convention

Governance

Guild Shop

Membership

Nominations

Training

## **VGEC Seal**

Scott and Michael discussed the seal and propose that we leave things as they are.

## **Conference Discussion**

Scott reported that Duke has paid the deposit for the 2019 Conference at Camp Allen. Duke is also wrapping up his accounting with Dallas.

Michael is working on the final survey results from the Spokane Conference. He said that people were generally happy with the conference.

Terry said that he would submit David Barr and Scott Crowell to Vyonne for consideration on the Annual Conference committee.

Finally, Scott reported that he and Duke have been working on the email system so the Training Advisor can communicate with all the fellows in the course.

## **Technology Committee**

Darin reported that Scott has been working on the scripts for the server. Darin then said that he is working with Oklahoma State University to help us with re writing the MMS program. Scott said that we should hire a consultant to maintain the new program once it is written.

**Adjourn: Scott made the motion to adjourn and Michael seconded. All Voted in favor.**

**Next Meeting - Feb. 9, 2017 (on line call)**