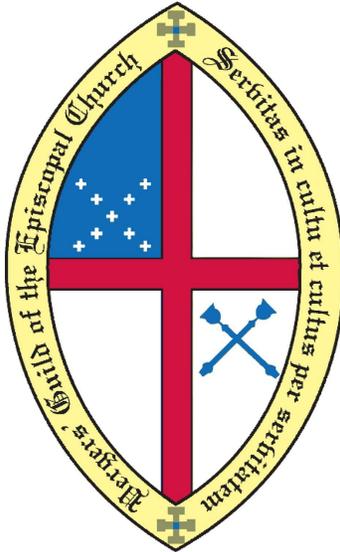


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**Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church**

**Online Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 12, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m. ET**

**Call to Order**

**Scott**

Scott called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Barry Norris, Duke DuTeil, Yvonne Carter-Johnson, Scott Smith, Richard Parker, Darin Herndon, Cheryl Cantrail, John Whitaker, Michael Sanchez, Chaplin Rev. Walt Kindergan Margaret McLarty was absent.

**Opening Prayer**

**Walt**

Walt opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Richard**

The minutes of January 11, 2018 were approved by the Board after a motion from Duke and a second by John Whitaker. The minutes for April 14, 2018 were discussed and one correction was made. John Whitaker then made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Yvonne. The minutes were approved by the Board.

### **Vice President Report - Nominations**

**Darin**

Darin reported that the committee was complete and that they would have their first meeting in about on or about July 19, 2018. He then said that a notice would be sent to the membership asking for nominations to the Board.

The committee is comprised of Darin Herndon, Cheryl Cantrail, Kent Wingerson, Ann Davis, and Gloria Clausell. The chair of the committee will be decided at the first meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Duke**

Duke reported that the balance sheet showed \$22,000 in the checking account. Conference income is at \$16,000. There was a surplus from the Atlanta Conference. The Guild Shop is doing better now since Barry has been doing the shipping from his house.

### **General Convention Report**

**Duke**

Duke reported on the recent General Convention in Austin, TX. He showed a video of our L-shaped booth. He said the card we produced was well received. He reported that he saved about \$10,000.00 on the convention expenses this year. He said that many people stopped and took our material. He also talked to many Clergy who did not have Vergers.

He reported that he took our training course to every seminary booth. Duke offered to give a free training course to the sacristans in training at the seminaries.

Duke finally said that he felt that all went well in Austin. Scott reported that he enjoyed attending the General Convention. Duke said that the triangle sign "Got Vergers" will have to be replaced before the next convention.

Scott mentioned that we needed to start searching the Baltimore for a local Verger to head up the next General Convention. Scott then mentioned that David Deutsch might be able to spearhead the effort or offer suggestions. Walt noted that Philadelphia may have Vergers who would be willing to help. Scott then said that the New York Vergers would be closer to the 2021 venue.

### **Annual Conference Report**

**Darin / Scott / Duke**

Scott began his report by showing a spreadsheet of past conferences. He reported that Hotel reservations are down at this point. Scott expressed his concern that we do not have a renegotiation clause with the Warwick.

Duke said the we were 36 room short of our signed contract. Scott said he would write a letter to the membership to encourage Vergers to sign up for the conference and to make their hotel reservations. Scott reminded the Board about the complexity of putting on the Annual Conference. Darin commented that the Annual Conference Manual needed to kept current as we encounter specific situations.

**Bylaws Changes / Governance****Vyonne**

There was a general discussion about the 5 suggested changes to the bylaws. Duke made a motion to approve the wording of a section of the proposed bylaws dealing with the election of officers. Cheryl seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.

Scott asked Richard to compile all the suggestions into the proposed bylaws changes. Richard completed this task and sent the proposed Bylaw changes to the Board via email. After consideration, the Board voted in favor of the changes as presented. The bylaw changes will be delivered to the membership 30 days before the Annual Conference in Denver

**Adjourn**

A motion was made at 9:33 pm to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectively Submitted,

Richard Parker, Secretary to the Board