

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Diocese of Tennessee

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: St. George's Episcopal Church

January 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m. CST

Call to Order: At 10:08 am President Rita Sue Warner called the meeting to order.

Prayer of The Order and Motto

Devotional: The Devotional was given by Rita Sue. She used the Litany for Province IV Daughters of The King.

Introductions

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from August 12, 2023 Meeting: Minutes were distributed. Two small corrections needed. Gayle moved to accept minutes with corrections. Carol seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary discussed the Schwab account information.

Mentioned Plate Offering of the 2023 Fall Assembly.

Discussed scholarships money available for those who need financial help going to Triennial. Discussed the \$575 registration fee, plus it was \$100 a night for hotel costs. April 1st is the deadline to request scholarships.

Report was accepted by all present.

A draft of the Triennial schedule was given out.

Rebecca Markert announced the slate of officers for 2024-2027.

Katie Rea, President

Terri Smith, Vice President

Mary Chris Waller, Treasurer

Secretary-slate still empty.

Pam Foster will plan to transfer to Devotions Chair.

Needed: Funds Chair and Membership Chair*

*At the end of the meeting, Mary Jackson agreed to help serve on the Membership Chair.

Spring Assembly reminder given, and it will be at St. Philip's Episcopal Church this April 20th.

Devotionals:

Devo Chair Carol Waters discussed the devotions given out on a regular basis. She asked around the table if Daughters were receiving them. All in the group said, yes.

Mentioned the importance of Daughters knowing what to do with their DOK crosses when they passed away. The National office will have the information, but it is also good to make sure each Chapter President has a copy of the list as well. There has been some confusion in the past.

Chapter Presidents reminder to update information and send to the National office. Forms are located on the National website. Updated information could include officer changes, death of a Daughter, etc.

Funds:

Funds Chair Pam Foster provided a January 2024 Crosslinks Issue 155 as a handout which details The Self Denial Fund's Re-Envisioning. A packet was also given of Conversations with Daughters Season 2, Episode 6 which discussed Re-envisioning the Seld Denial Fund, Part II.

Previously, the fund focused on missionary work, but has expand to include local projects as well. In 2023, many Daughters participated in focus groups and desired a name change of the fund and clear guidance on the purpose of the Fund. The Fund has evolved with the times and guidelines need to be renewed.

This year, the plan is to expand financial help to support 30 local projects. For example, the Fund previously helped a church rectory damaged by a hurricane, and supported an established mission in a foreign country, etc. The fund would cover transportation, housing, materials needed, etc.

February 2 is the ingathering to discuss The Self Denial Fund. A new mandate can be voted on at the National Assembly in 2024.

Membership Report:

No report at this time.

Historian:

Nancie Schweikert discussed history in the making. In January 2024, Tn House Bill 1828 would designate 10 works as official books of the state. Books which “helped shape Tennessee” and “have helped to shape a nation”. One of the volumes is the Aitken Bible (1782). During the Revolutionary War, Britain cut off the supply of Bibles to the American Colonies. Robert Aitken printed the first American Bible in the English language. Congress passed a resolution authorizing the Aitken Bible. There are five known original copies left and three exist in Tennessee.

Communications:

Gayle Happell asked for names to be sent in to receive communication. She sends information regularly to the Diocese but needs an updated list or additional names. For example, many Daughters have been admitted to the Order by various chapters.

Daughters At Large (DAL):

Rebecca Markert stated that there were 27 DALs that do not have access to a chapter. She desires DOK to find ways to keep the DALs connected to the Order. She mentioned there are several programs and activities that can give us guidance toward this goal.

Sister to Sister- connecting by computer and social media sites.

Prayer Partners- DAL team up with Chapter Daughter and send communication.

Let's Meet for Lunch- a planned event at a restaurant around different parts of the diocese.

She requested Chapters to consider helping with Sister to Sister or Prayer Partners.

Vice President's Report:

Katie Rea discussed the Fall Assembly at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro. She helped at the meeting and introduced the speaker Rev. Vicki Burgess. Approximately 85 women attended.

She attended the Province IV Meeting at Kanuga Retreat. Tennessee was well represented this year. There were 7 Daughters from the Diocese of TN, as well as Daughters from East and West TN. There were over 130 Daughters from Province IV who attended. The Retreat theme was: The Power of the Holy Spirit. Our main speaker during the assembly was Rev.

Jean DeVaty. Bishop Glenda Curry, from the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, is Chaplain and served as the celebrant along with other duties. She served as a delegate.

She has been attending Discernment classes and Installations of Daughters in various churches in the diocese.

She mentioned the Province IV Board Meeting in Atlanta, GA. She attended as the incoming President. Rita Sue as current Diocesan President and Gayle serving as the Devotions Chair in Province IV also attended. We participated in the NEP (National Enrichment Program). Highlight of the training: The importance of Holy Listening and not saying, "Yes, but at least" in our responses. For example, someone says they are hurting after a miscarriage. Don't say, "Yes, but at least you know you can get pregnant." Etc. Be with someone while they are hurting and you don't have to say anything at all. Just be there for them in their pain or need.

A Daughter discerned to be Vice President and has agreed to serve as mentioned previously by Rebecca.

The secretary slate is still open.

President's Report:

Rita Sue Warner stated that we have 345 senior chapters, 27 DALs and a Junior Chapter. The Order has seen growth in Senior Chapters. In Province IV, there are 586 DALs and 8,000+ Daughters in Senior Chapters. In the US, we have 1,374 Senior Chapters and 130 Junior Chapters. DOK National: 19,099 and 415 Jr Chapters.

Discussed Triennial information. Expected around 575 people to register for the event, but thus far we have 750 Daughters expected thus far. Internationally, the US has sent invites to 15 countries to participate in Triennial. Deadline March 31st to register to attend the event.

St. Paul's DOK Admittance ceremony is planned for June 16th.

Nancie would like to send a card to each priest in the Diocese. She plans to send it on the date of the priest's ordination.

Prayer gram given to Daughters.

Paula motioned to adjourn. Carol seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm

Submitted by: Katie Rea