

MINUTES

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Spring Assembly, April 28, 2007, at St. Stephen's, McKeesport

At 9:30 a.m. the Daughters registered and signed in. The ladies of St. Stephen's chapter greeted the Daughters with a wonderful continental breakfast in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship.

At 10:00 a.m. a service of the Holy Eucharist and the Renewal of Vows was held in St. Stephen's sanctuary officiated by the Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh. The Rev. John Fierro, present with DOKs from his Monongahela parish, led the music. We thank him for that kindness.

At 11:15 a.m. the Business Meeting began with our President, Della Crawford's call to order and the handing out of the agenda and the minutes of the January 30th meeting.

Business Meeting

Present: Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan; Carolyn Booker; Della Crawford; Rev. Daniel Crawford; Rev. John Fierro; Rev. Langdon Pegram M.D.; Rev. Karen Geary; Mary Lou Herbst; Dr. Beth Middleton; Celinda Scott; Pauline Wadsworth; Carolyn Johnson; Gladys Atkins; Retta Aston; Anna Mae Carlson; Barbara Warhold; Gail Simpson; Ann McCall; Pat Magee; Gerry Clemmons; Theresa Newell; Elizabeth Delgado; Patricia Hurd; Nancy Fincke; Mira Griffith.

1. Introductions: Each Daughter stood to give her name, parish and chapter.
2. Minutes of the last meeting, January 30th, 2007: There were no corrections or additions or discussion of the minutes and Karen Geary moved to approve minutes seconded by Barbara Warhold. Vote to approve was unanimous.
3. Our Treasurer, Linda Getts was absent. No treasurer's report was given.
4. Karen Geary, 1st Vice President and Events Chair reported that the Rev. Canon Mary Hays will be our Speaker for our Fall Assembly. Karen also reminded the assembly that we will most likely renew our vows annually at each Assembly gathering as the clergy does.
5. Mary Lou Herbst, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair reviewed the ongoing work of responding to the interest in DOK which some members in certain parishes have expressed. She reported that we have 121 Daughters and 3 Junior Daughters as of 4/26/07. Work has begun in laying the groundwork for a DOK chapter at St. George's in Waynesburg and three women, Daughters at Large are interested in forming a chapter at the Cathedral, Pittsburgh. New Kensington also is showing interest.
6. Celinda Scott, Daughters-At-Large Chair reported that she has sent out two letters to the D.A.L. Some of them have withdrawn from the DOK due to age and illness. Celinda, as a member of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, also announced that there will be a Contemplative Prayer seminar (also called "Waiting Prayer") at the Cathedral on December 1, 2007. Rev. Rod Whitaker of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry will be one of the presenters at that event.

7. Carolyn Booker, Province III President, National Chairperson of Evangelism and Special Advisor to our DOK Diocesan Board:

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Daughters of the King have formed an alliance at the National level. Dioceses are free to follow suit by agreeing to present information about the B.S.A. to parishes at the same time we present information about the Daughters of the King. This will meet the question frequently asked by men who sit in on our informational visits: "What are we men supposed to be doing?" We will have on hand the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's brochures to hand out. An aside about the Brotherhood: their leader, Bob Dennis, is married to a Daughter of the King. Mr. Dennis is the person who is spearheading this new alliance with the DOK.

Province III Annual Assembly and Retreat at Natural Bridge, Virginia, from June 1st to June 3rd, 2007. Carolyn encouraged all to try to attend this Assembly/Retreat.

Province III make-up -- Carolyn named a few of the thirteen Dioceses in five States and the District of Colombia contained in Province III. They are Virginia; Pennsylvania; Pittsburgh; Delaware; Maryland; and West Virginia.

Non-Episcopal churches with DOK chapters -- We now have chapters in the Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches as well as in the Anglican Church who send representatives to Triennial. At this last Triennial the question arose as to whether they may be seated with voice and vote and a vote taken at that gathering gave them voice and vote and they were seated. The National By-Laws are in process of being updated to reflect this decision.

Leadership and Mentoring Retreat -- In November, 2006, Carolyn attended the Leadership and Mentoring Retreat in Somerset, Virginia as a Province III officer. (See the article on Page 22 of *The Royal Cross*, Winter, 2007).

Prayers needed -- She asks prayers for Joan Dalrymple, National President who has taken on the role of President during a very difficult time. She also asks prayers for former National President, Joan Millard who has had a stroke.

Fall Assembly -- Carolyn asks us to make our Fall Assembly a priority. Carolyn, as the National Chairperson of Evangelism, will be attending the Province V Assembly in Detroit, Michigan at that time so will be unable to be at the Fall Assembly herself.

8. Della Crawford, President's report:

Handouts -- Handouts were "Caring In Crisis Ministry Principles and the brochure for the Province III Annual Assembly Retreat. Della asks the presidents to make copies of the handouts and distribute them to chapter members.

Annual Dues: Dues for the year 2007 are now being received. Please pay your dues to your chapter president who will then send in one check to National covering all the chapter members. Chapter Presidents are encouraged to begin collecting dues early in order to avoid the dismay which can happen when dues become so long overdue that the following year's dues are owed, doubling the amount one has to pay. A brief discussion was held with some Daughters present concerning that very situation. Also as a means of avoiding confusion Della suggests we refer to each year's dues by the year they are due, thus this year's dues are called "2007 Dues", not "2007-2008" dues.

Diocesan DOK Website -- Liz Delgado, a Daughter At Large, who is a new parish member at Cathedral was present at this Assembly. She described the difficulty she had in locating any information about the D.O.K when she first arrived in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. She suggested that if the DOK had a website it could be linked to the Diocesan Office website and easily located by inquirers. Liz, a professional website designer, offered to design such a website and Della told her we would be in touch with her very soon to discuss this.

9. Della called for a move to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Booker moved to adjourn and Karen Geary seconded. All said "Yea" and the meeting was adjourned.

10. After the meeting Bishop Duncan led a discussion on the state of the church at this time, describing it as very difficult. The Bishop led a prayer for Mark Lawrence, the Bishop elect of South Carolina.

11. Teresa Newell, and Daughter of the King, will be speaking at the June 9th Diocesan DOK retreat in Seattle, Washington and asks for our prayer support. Teresa told us about a new Daughter's Chapter at Christ Church in Jerusalem, Israel.

SPEAKER:

Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife of Rev. Laurie Thompson, a faculty member at Trinity Episcopal School For Ministry in Ambridge, was our speaker for this Assembly. She has resided in the Pittsburgh area for ten years and has been leading Bible studies and mentoring women for many years at TESM. She has completed a course of study on Spiritual Formation with the Sursum Corda Spiritual Formation Training Program in South Carolina and is now a Spiritual Director in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. A summary and handouts from Mary's talk on Spiritual Direction will be handed out at the Board Meeting on May 29th

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Middleton, Secretary.