

The 91st Annual Meeting  
Of the Members of the FUND for the Diaconate  
Of the Episcopal Church in the United States  
Minutes

6 October 2018

*The Fund for the Diaconate of the Episcopal Church in the United States  
To be a channel of God's grace in enabling the diaconate to flourish-  
one deacon, one ministry, one community at a time.*

1. Convene: The Annual meeting of the corporation members was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Somerset NJ on Saturday 6 October 2018 at 2:12 pm.
  - a. Chaplin Pam Nesbit, opened the meeting with prayer.
  - b. Directors present: Deacon Keith McCoy, President; Deacon Robert Franken, Treasurer; and Deacon Pam Nesbitt, Vice-President.
  - c. Guests. 3 Deacons and 1 Priest
  - d. Members present by proxy: 250 (226 by Mail and 24 by email)
2. President appointed Deacon Franken as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of the Secretary.
3. Welcome: Fr. Ron Pollock, Rector of St John's welcomed us.
4. Minutes of the Previous meeting: Minutes from the 9 October 2017 Annual Corporation, previously approved by the board at its May 2018 meeting, were distributed.
5. Reports.
  - a. President: Deacon McCoy stated that his written report has been transmitted electronically to all Board members. He asked that discussion be deferred until the scheduled meeting of the Board on 9 October 2018.
  - b. Treasurer: Deacon Franken requested that presentation of his report be deferred until the scheduled meeting of the Board on 9 October 2018 but that the organization was in strong financial shape give the current market. There followed a discussion with the guests about the changes in Church Pension Fund's mandatory assessment.
  - c. Secretary: No report
  - d. Necrology: Information on the deaths of deacons from 10/01/2017 to 09/30/2018 was obtained from the Association for Episcopal Deacons. Twenty deaths were reported. A copy of the report was transmitted electronically to the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Diaconate prior to this meeting.
6. Elections:
  - a. Nominating Committee Report. Deacon McCoy reported that a proxy ballot with the names of three candidates for three Board positions plus proposed amendments

Bylaw and Article of Incorporation were mailed between August 24 and 26, 2018. Three Thousand Five (3005) proxy ballots were sent to deacons on the list provided by The Association of Episcopal Deacons. One hundred eleven ballots were returned with no forwarding address, 51 were returned with address correction and needed to be re-sent, 3 were returned after the deadline and there was 1 duplicate. A total of 250 valid ballots were returned which was a response rate of 8.3 percent.

b. Election- Report of the Tellers. The President had appointed Canon Clive Sang, Archdeacon Peter Cornell and Deacon Carol Pepe of the Diocese of New Jersey to act as independent tellers of the election ballots. The following was their report:

i) Board members for 3 positions: Franken 241 votes; Nesbit 243 votes; Thibodaux 242 votes. These were 2 write-ins (Gary Cummings & Larry Green). Deacons Franken, Nesbit and Thibodaux were re-elected.

ii) Votes in favor of the combined By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation revisions were 240 and those opposed were 1. By-law changes and Articles of Incorporation amendments were adopted.

7. New Business:

a. There was a conversation about the timing of the election and the potential confusion with AED's election which occurs over the summer. Under our new by-laws we can delay sending election ballots until September which limits the possibility of overlap.

b. Next annual meeting of the Fund is tentatively planned for Saturday 5 October 2019 in the New York City area. Final date and location are pending action by the board at its meeting on 9 October 2018.

8. Adjournment was moved by Deacon Franken and seconded by Archdeacon Cornell at 2:33 p.m. Accepted by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted  
The Rev Robert Anton Franken  
Secretary Pro-tem and Treasurer.