

ECW Black Belt Convocation Meeting Minutes April 29, 2009
Trinity Episcopal Church, Demopolis

Bea Strong, Black Belt Convocation Coordinator, opened the meeting with the ECW prayer. She thanked Father Richard Losch for being the guest speaker for the day's program. Fr. Losch discussed his recently published book, "All the People of the Bible, An A-Z Guide to the Saints and Scoundrels".

There were no minutes from the January meeting, which served as the Fall meeting of the Convocation.

Bea discussed having an E-vote to give \$200 to ACTS2 and \$200 to Camp McDowell in honor of Bishop Suffragan Kee Sloan.

The nominating committee, consisting of Kathleen Banks and Kitty Rugg gave their report that Paula Bird, from Trinity in Demopolis, may serve as the new Black Belt Convocation Coordinator, provided some scheduling conflicts can be resolved.

Caroline Smith has agreed to serve as the Convocation Secretary. Kitty Rugg has agreed to remain Convocation treasurer.

Grayson Smith made a motion to accept the slate. The motion was seconded. The slate was approved unanimously.

Bea then recognized special guests at the luncheon, including Rev. J.D. Barnes, rector at Trinity, the host church for the meeting. Rev. Phillip Bennet from St. Stephen's, Eutaw, was also recognized, as well as Dee Buzby, current Diocesan ECW President, and Alleen Cater, immediate past president. Liz Enzey, the Birmingham Convocation Coordinator, Sallie Lowe, Diocesan ECW Assistant Treasurer, and Kathleen Banks, past Diocesan ECW president and a member of the church in Eutaw were also recognized. Bea said a special thank you to Paula Bird of Trinity for the wonderful luncheon and for serving as the meeting hostess. Bea also recognized Grace Sneed, who is a new congregant at Christ Church in Tuscaloosa.

Fall Conference will be October 8-9, with Tennessee Valley Convocation hosting. Women's Weekend is May 15-17 at Camp McDowell.

Kathleen Banks announced that the Spring 2010 meeting will be at St. Stephen's in Eutaw.

Kitty Rugg moved to give \$200 from the treasury to the ECW Diocesan Scholarship Fund. Bettie Anne Cleino seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Maggie Noland from the St. Cecilia chapter of Daughter's of the King at St. James Church in Livingston noted the article about a DOK pin from the Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, chapter of DOK that appeared in the DOK magazine.

Trinity announced that it would celebrate its 175th anniversary on June 6&7.

Alleen Cater mentioned that the endowments that funded scholarships were down \$3,000-4,000 due to the stock market. She reminded members to make contributions in honor/memory of ECW members.

Dee Buzby reminded the group that CPC Sunday is May 3 and asked that members put change in the blue UTO boxes on the tables. Triennial and Kanuga will be this summer. Camp McDowell will dedicate the new chapel, of which ECW gave money for the sacristy, on May 2. Members were reminded to contribute to the ACTS2 campaign pledge put forward by the diocesan ECW and there would be a fall meeting/fundraiser, to help meet the goal.

The fall BB Convocation meeting will be at St. Paul's in Greensboro.

The meeting was adjourned.