



Dallas Assembly
Minutes of the Meeting
3/4/2017

On this date we had our 1st quarter meeting for 2017 at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. The attendees signed in and then were served a fine breakfast by the brothers of Epiphany. At about 9 A.M. assembly president Mike Model convened the business meeting with the reading from the brotherhood manual, all joining in the reading.

Mike introduced Terri Stringer, Patriots Paws Assistant Executive Director, and Sylvia Yetts, Patriots Paws puppy handler. Terri presented an interesting power point based presentation on the work of Patriots Paws in training service dogs to live with and take care of the special needs of our military and police who have experienced crippling injuries to include PTS. She explained how they have grown in the 12 years since their founding, the current construction in expanding the facility, and the urgent need for volunteers in many areas. It takes 2 to 2.5 years to train a service dog at a cost of \$30,000. There are currently about 130 waiting to get a service dog and the waiting time per veteran is from 3 to 5 years. Sylvia then showed us how she worked with Coffee, her current puppy in training.

The brothers asked many questions with a great deal of interest in this work and how we as an assembly can be involved and help Patriots Paws in addition to the charity golf tournament.

Mike Model confirmed that the 2nd quarter assembly meeting would be at Church of the Incarnation on Saturday, June 10th. Jim Vinyard reported on the progress of the Patriots Paws Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Firewheel Golf Park, 600 Campbell Road, Garland, Tx 75044. He asked members to continue to look for sponsors and golfers, especially teams of 4. He emphasized the need for volunteers to help on the day of the tournament, Wednesday, May 10th. Two brochures for distribution are available on the Brotherhood web.

Mike called on the chapters present for a report on chapter activities. **Epiphany** will hold a memorial golf tournament. **Holy Trinity in Garland** will do their bi-monthly serving at the Austin Street Shelter again on Sunday, March 12th. They have a 'range day' March 25th from 8 to 10. All brothers are invited, **Holy Trinity by the Lake** will have a Beca(?) brew. They are working on a prayer book to be distributed on Mother's Day. **Incarnation** will hold a workshop in June with the intention of gathering members to activate their chapter. **Saint Andrews** will sponsor a Christ & Culture event led by their deacon during 3 weeks of Lent. They also help out at Austin Street Shelter every 2nd Sunday of the month. They are planning a soup dinner in which they will walk the 14 Stations of the Cross.

At 10:25 Mike Model led the closing from the Brotherhood Manual and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Norton
Secretary