

## **Voice of the Faithful**

### **Board of Trustees**

**June 28, 2021**

A virtual meeting was held. Attending: Mary Pat Fox (presiding), Pat Gomez, Elia Marnik, Margaret Roylance, Michael P. Marnik, Joe Finn, Nick Ingala, Communications Director, and Donna Doucette, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pat Fox, President, at 7:05 p.m.

An opening prayer was led by Mary Pat Fox.

Nick Ingala, Communications Director, in advance of the meeting submitted a proposal for advertising during the near future. He thoroughly presented on the issue of advertising, the features and its cost. He answered several questions of the trustees. Upon conclusion of discussion of this item, Nick Ingala was excused from the meeting.

Elia Marnik presented the considerations and recommendations of the *Nominating Committee* including issues related to diversity by gender, geography, or other categories. The Committee recommended an immediate posting on the VOTF website soliciting candidates, which would be followed by a vetting process (elaborated by Joe Finn). This process does not exclude direct solicitation of appropriate individuals. Mary Pat Fox requested that the Nominating Committee draft a posting for the website, to be submitted to the staff for implementation.

*Governance Transparency Working Group.* Joe Finn reported on malfeasance issues involving the handling of substantial funds by church-related foundations and funds. The working group will be revising the language of 9B on the worksheet to be used when evaluating diocesan finance councils later this year. They also will be hosting their second mini-synod on the question of DFC governance in July.

***Financial Transparency Working Group.*** Margaret Roylance reported on a meeting on June 19, 2021, and further developments and progress to take place in July.

***Financial Report:*** Joe Finn and Donna Doucette provided a report on the financial situation of the organization, with no significant changes during the past month.

***Executive Director Report.*** Donna Doucette submitted a written report in advance of the meeting and solicited questions of the Trustees. She described a proposal for a series of mini-synods to both AUSCP and VOTF people. The trustees encouraged and supported this initiative. She also discussed a meeting with three Assistant Attorneys General in Massachusetts planned for July 8.

***Protection of Children Working Group Update.*** Pat Gomez submitted an oral report.

May Pat Fox confirmed that the summer schedule will dispense with meetings in July and August.

There was no new business to come before the meeting.

At 8:36 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with a prayer, the Glory Be, followed by the allowance of a motion to adjourn, duly made and seconded.

Next scheduled meeting: September 20, 2021.