

Voice of the Faithful

Board of Trustees

November 16, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pat Fox, President, at 7:03 p.m.

An opening prayer, a Prayer for Our Earth (by Pope Francis), was led by Elia Marnik.

The minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2021, having been circulated, will be reviewed and approved by the trustees online, after the meeting.

Ethel Doyle and Nick Ingala addressed the Board on the October conference results and answered several questions by Board members.

Executive Director Report. Donna Doucette submitted a written report in advance of the meeting and solicited questions of the Trustees.

Financial Report: Joe Finn, VOTF Treasurer, provided a report on the financial situation of the organization, and made comparisons to the numbers of 2020. He noted a slow downward trend in terms of income. A lengthy discussion occurred concerning the need for a fresh look at the financial condition of the organization. Joe Finn recommended an individual for this purpose.

Upon motion by Mary Pat Fox, duly seconded by Elia Marnik, it was unanimously VOTED: to retain Perry Chlan at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Synod Report

VOTF is holding synod listening sessions (journeying together) with VOTF members, but the sessions are open to anyone who wishes to join us. Although fees are not charged, it is expected that those who participate will register with VOTF.

Governance Transparency Working Group. Joe Finn reported that VOTF has accomplished national recognition, specifically by adopting the questions drafted by the group for the survey.

Protection of Children Working Group Update. Pat Gomez reported that the 2020 national audit of dioceses sponsored by the USCCB has been released. Although in general, the local review boards in the dioceses may be compliant with the Dallas charter, they may be ineffective. Specifically, there have been shortcomings in composition and membership in many dioceses. VOTF's review of the dioceses has been completed by the individual reviewers and reconciliations may be completed in December 2021, although the work is time-consuming.

Nominating Committee. Elia Marnik reported on the solicitation of prospective trustee candidates. One individual, John Salvati, now of Colorado, has been recommended for appointment as a trustee. Mr. Salvati will be interviewed by an executive session of the Board in the near future. The solicitation should remain on the VOTF website.

At 8:49 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: January 2022.