

Voice of the Faithful
Board of Trustees
November 21, 2022

A virtual meeting was held. Attending: Mary Pat Fox (Presiding), Pat Gomez, Elia Marnik, Svea Fraser, Paul Hardart, John Salvati, Margaret Roylance and Joe Feitelberg. Also present was Donna Doucette, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pat Fox, President, at 7:00 p.m.

An opening prayer was led by Pat Gomez.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2022, had been circulated to the Trustees. After motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: Pat Gomez addressed the Board. Financials had been distributed prior to the meeting. No issues were raised. We are in the process of changing banks.

Executive Director Report. Donna Doucette submitted a written report in advance of the meeting. Discussion focused on the success of the conference, and the need to continue our work on synodality.

Financial Transparency Working Group and Governance. Margaret Roylance discussed successful release of the FWG Report. Responses from the dioceses continue to be positive. Several questions arose which are being addressed by the team.

Protection of Children Working Group Update. Pat Gomez expressed concern in finding reviewers. Pat had checked with the University of New Hampshire at Durham but they were not able to recommend anyone.

Women's role: Svea Fraser discussed a new initiative that we are hoping to launch on Women's Roles in the Church by getting a better understanding of where in the Church women are already in positions of authority and then talking with them to better understand if they feel secure in their jobs etc. For example, there are quite a few women Chancellors of dioceses.

Search Committee: Mary Pat reported that the job description had been finalized and sent to the head of Villanova's School for Church Management. The committee would be developing a plan for next steps.

Nominations Committee: Elia put forth the nomination of David Castaldi to the board. Discussion ensued. Mary Pat explained how David had been chair of the board in the past; he brings a conservative view that is needed to establish balance and he is great to work with. The board voted unanimously to invite David to be a member of the board.

New Business. We need to revisit the best time to hold a meeting. The group agreed to try noon on Friday, January 20, for the next meeting.

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned with a prayer, the Glory Be.

Next Meeting is January 20, 2023, at 12 noon.