

Voice of the Faithful

Board of Trustees

September 20, 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 7:02 p.m.

An opening prayer, featuring St. Elizabeth Seton as a model for women, was led by Joe Finn.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2021, was deferred.

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

Financial Report: Joe Finn and Donna Doucette provided a report on the financial situation of the organization. A lengthy discussion occurred concerning which financial reports should be sent to the Board and reviewed in advance of each monthly meeting. Joe Finn will follow up with the accountant and the Executive Director.

Executive Director Report (continued). An update was made concerning the Conference, by the Executive Director. We now have three recording dates for the people to be taped here, but this represents a step forward considering the number of times we had to reschedule and the number of subs we feared we might need. Vincent also is in touch with Prof. Massimo Faggioli and Sr. Carol Zinn to ensure that their videotaped presentations will be delivered in the format he needs. Vincent and Nick are also integrating the ads we have from supporting publishers into the day's program.

For the Friday night meeting/discussion groups, we will focus on the 2023 Synod, with a short introduction and then questions to learn from attendees what their

bishops are doing about holding the meetings they should be holding with the members of their dioceses.

Protection of Children Working Group Update. Pat Gomez submitted an oral report. Much progress has been made. The reviewers have scored about a third of the dioceses. A bar graph will be used to illustrate the variations between the dioceses. Several slides will also develop the categories and interpret the data.

Financial Transparency Working Group. Margaret Roylance reported on the results of the study and displayed a spreadsheet with the results of the dioceses which scored in 2021 more than 95%. No archdioceses fell in that category!

Governance Transparency Working Group. A brief report was made to the participants in the meeting.

Nominating Committee. Elia Marnik reported on the solicitation of prospective trustee candidates. Joe Finn reported on his specific attempts to develop interest, from several individuals. Members of the Committee have received lists of possible enlistees. The solicitation should remain on the VOTF website.

Joe Finn reported on his fundraising efforts.

At 8:33 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: October 18, 2021.