

**Voice of the Faithful**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**October 17, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pat Fox, President, at 4:00 p.m.

An opening prayer was led by Mary Pat Fox.

***Nominations Committee:*** Elia Marnik put forth Paul Hardart as a candidate for the Board and discussion ensued. Mary Pat conveyed her discussion with Paul and expressed that she felt he would be a great addition to the board. Elia and Joe Feitelberg did the same. Elia made the motion to ask Paul Hardart to join the Board as a Trustee, Mary Pat seconded the nomination. The motion was unanimously approved. It was determined that Elia will contact Paul within the next 24 hours and once she has completed her call Mary Pat will call Paul to welcome him to the Board.

***Minutes:*** The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2022, had been circulated to the Trustees. After motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

***Financial Reports:*** Pat Gomez addressed the Board; the accountant had not been able to provide updated reports. In addition, issues with the current bank have been causing a delay in paying our bills. It has been determined that we will switch banks. Donna will be meeting with TDBank within the next few weeks to hopefully open a new account and transfer our funds.

***Executive Director Report.*** Donna Doucette submitted a written report in advance of the meeting. Discussion focused on continuing Synodality and establishing a working group to hold ongoing mini-synods. The idea is that we will reach beyond borders and include our friends in Ireland, Australia, and beyond.

***October conference.*** Registrations are up to 65 paid registrants up from only 32 at the time of our last meeting.

***Retreat October 30.*** Svea discussed the plans for the retreat. The Board of Trustees and VOTF Staff will meet in the afterglow of a wonderful day at the conference at noon on Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians. Svea will be sending more details in emails over the next week.

***Women's roles.*** 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.

***Protection of Children Working Group Update.*** Pat Gomez expressed concern about finding finding reviewers.

***Financial Transparency Working Group.*** Margaret Roylance distributed some tables to the Board showing results from the 2022 FWG diocesan finances report and asked that they be kept within the board as they are not final and sharing them beyond the board could present issues.

***New Business.*** We need to revisit the best time to hold a meeting. Mary Pat hopes to get a consensus before the next meeting and will be initiating an online conversation. Also, Joe Feitelberg requested that the search committee update the board today and at each upcoming meeting. Mary Pat admitted she is behind. She has shared the job description with the committee members and is awaiting input. The next step is a meeting of the committee to discuss the advertising process.

At 5:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with a prayer, the Glory Be.

Next Meeting TBD