

# VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL

## Board of Trustees February 17, 2020

Attending: Mary Pat Fox, Anne Southwood, Margaret Roylance, Pat Gomez, Mike Ryan, Larry Mulligan. Also attending, Donna Doucette.

Prayer: Pat prayed extemporaneously.

Financial: Anne described our finances as being in good shape, and noted we have an expectation of a bequest at some point to add to our bottom line.

Executive director's report: Donna emphasized the portion of her written report dealing with using email as our principal means of communication with our members. Some become invalid, and some members show donor fatigue with so many campaigns contacting them. A general discussion of means to address the problem brought out several interesting ideas.

March appeal: Donna noted in her ED report that this traditionally brings in less than the EOY appeal in December, due to donor's lending habits. She mentioned the possibility that we could offer copies of Phyllis Zagano's new book as a means to enhance the March appeal.

Boston 2020: Mary Pat has a conference call scheduled to continue working on our October conference; working title is "A Vision of a Future Church."

Protecting our children: Pat reported on her conversation with Sara Larson of AWAKE, the Milwaukee group which is working with the diocese there on how to best protect children. Pat has updated the draft worksheet for a diocesan website survey, containing nine subject areas with 32 questions. She is reconnecting with advisors Lisa Jones and David Finkelhor before finalizing the tool. Pat also note that April is National Child Protection month.

FWG: Mike addressed the final language for the current campaign, focusing on question #8 on diocesan financial councils, and whether the website information remains current. A motion was made and approved to hire an intern at a cost similar to that incurred in the last fiscal year.

Next meeting: March 09, 2020 (note change in date).  
The meeting closed with the recitation of the Glory Be.