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## **Board of Trustees**

**January 21, 2019**

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

**Opening prayer:** Pat read the “Sound of Longing” by Edward Hayes.

**Minutes:** The circulated minutes for the November 20, 2018, meeting were approved after minor corrections.

**Financial:** Anne summarized the status, described as “pleasant,” having no issues with any of its aspects. It was noted that accounts payable are larger than normal but that is because the people who are due payments have delayed sending their invoices. Donna pointed out that in 2018 there were a number of bequests, which will not likely be replicated in future years.

**Executive director’s report:** The balance in the bank is comfortable but it should be noted that the new software is paid monthly and requires a new notation. The new equipment’s cost was kept to a minimum because Alice did some negotiating, as did Nick for the software.

**Development:** Margaret brought the discussions with the Louisville Institute up to date. She is working, with others, to resubmit the grant application to support work on financial transparency and hopes to have it completed by March. The recent uptick in significant donations ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and related follow ups needed entailed a lengthy discussion.

**Financial working group:** Margaret reported on the most recent meeting, the previous Saturday, and its vigorous conversation on the new version of the worksheet being developed for the purpose of differentiating between those dioceses who are doing well, especially improving over their previous scores. The plan is to have it available so that Mary Pat can alert the bishops of the changes, hopefully next month.

**Protection of Children working group:** Pat reported that in addition to board members Mary Pat, Margaret and Larry, Elia Marnik has agreed to work on the design of a survey worksheet which will allow differentiation between dioceses’ efforts to protect kids. She discussed the need for experts not necessarily connected to the Church or VOTF, and mentioned possibilities being explored there, as well as some who are so connected.

**Conference:** The committee working on plans met last Friday and various outreaches are in process, including selecting a theme and lining up speakers. The subject of lay leadership for protection of children and survivor support was discussed.

**Closing prayer:** A Glory Be to the Father closed the meeting.