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Board of Trustees

May 20, 2019

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

Opening prayer: Mary Pat prayed extemporaneously, with a special prayer for Mike and his ailing brother.

Approval of minutes: The revised November 20, 2018, minutes were again approved, along with those for January 21, 2019, February 18, 2019, March 18, 2019 and April 20, 2019.

Financial: Mary Pat noted that we would normally approve the budget for the next fiscal year at the May meeting, although circumstances dictate that this year we will delay it until the June meeting. On Donna's suggestion, the continuation of spending at last year's level was authorized until we pass the new budget.

Donna reviewed some of the data from Anne's treasurer's report, which shows an increase in net assets for the month and a healthy balance in the bank, and Mary Pat commented that we remain in good shape financially.

Donna discussed some of the financial details relating to the June AUSCP Assembly in St. Louis, which will focus on the presentation of the two papers involving substantial VOTF input. The first, a Women's Status paper, is a collaboration of AUSCP, VOTF and Future Church, for which our Svea Fraser served as key editor. The second collaboration was with AUSCP. Donna and two other lay people served on their Clericalism working group and Donna was co-editor of the final paper.

Pat raised a question about increased rental cost, and Donna explained there has been none, that the double payment for the month included a prepayment for the following month.

Executive director's report: In addition to her written report, Donna mentioned the two overtures from COR asking us to help sponsor a September speaking tour by Marie Collins. We declined because with the conference in October and other commitments, we do not have the resources (people and time) for this tour.

Development: Margaret and Donna are in the process of matching major donors with those who may know them in an effort to stay closely in touch with them.

Financial working group: Margaret advised that preparatory work is complete and the review period will begin on June 1 as planned.

Conference update: Donna reported that Nick Ingala, Alice Campanella and Ethel Doyle will visit the site in early June to address details and final planning. To date, the venue personnel have been most cooperative.

Details for hosting speakers and panelists, some of whom may need assistance with housing and may be arriving from overseas, were covered. Mary Pat suggested that they should be advised in advance what the others would be covering, and Margaret shared that they have all been given each others contact information.

Other business: Margaret asked Pat about the status of the Protecting God's Children working group. Pat reported on the efforts to solicit assistance from Lisa Jones of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the U. of New Hampshire, and is hopeful that with the academic year ending, that may soon bear fruit. Barbara Thorpe, who has worked for the Boston Archdiocese as a Victim's Advocate for over 10 years has recently completed her work with the survivors of the Boston Marathon bombings, so her collaboration with the working group can begin.

Mary Pat asked that all suggestions for nominations to the board be brought forward for consideration. She also moved the approval for reappointment of the auditor, James Scullin, which passed without dissent.

Closing prayer: The meeting closed with the recitation of the Glory Be.