

Voice of the Faithful

Board of Trustees

September 16, 2019

Attending: Mary Pat Fox, Margaret Roylance, Pat Gomez and Larry Mulligan.

Excused: Anne Southwood. **Absent:** Mike Ryan.

Prayer: Larry recited a prayer for healing for survivors of sexual abuse.

Minutes: It was noted that the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting had earlier been approved by electronic votes cast by those in attendance.

Financial update: Mary Pat reported on the current state of our financial status, including that there is adequate cash on hand, with a pending deposit to be made and a bequest anticipated sometime before the end of the year.

Financial working group: Margaret advised that the restricted funds allocated to the project are close to exhaustion, which was anticipated, and future costs, as needed, will come from operating funds. The required data has been gathered, so that the group is now working on reconciling scores before preparing its report for this year, which will involve decisions on what should be emphasized.

Protection of children working group: Pat reminded us that this is a two phased process, and indicated the group is approximately halfway through the first phase. Recently, using a still in the process of development assessment tool, several diocese's websites have been preliminarily evaluated. The evaluation tool needs revision, given the lack of concrete standards which can be identified. Consultation with current members of the group and with outside consultants is in the process for doing so.

Also, a conversation with our prospective donor will be scheduled soon and Pat will plan to make a report at the October conference.

Affiliation question: Larry related asking the Catholic Worker Movement about its criteria for listing groups on its website as affiliates, which inadvertently brought about VOTF being listing, which he then successfully had removed, pending

consideration by the board. It was agreed that this would be considered at the October face to face meeting.

2019 conference: All the necessary preparations are in place, now we await an onslaught of registrations! As it now stands, 102 paid, 110 total have registered, which, if those were final numbers, would result in a financial loss of a manageable amount.

Board membership: Mary Pat will have the terms of current members sent out, so we know how many new members are needed. Current trustees are asked to send a list of those who may be candidates for consideration.

Face to face agenda: The annual face to face meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Boston Marriot in Newton. If a trustee wishes to include an item for the agenda of that meeting, it should be sent to Mary Pat as far in advance of the meeting as possible.

Closing prayer: The *Glory Be* was recited by all.