

# **VOICE of the FAITHFUL**

## **Board of Trustees**

**Monday, April 20, 2019**

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

**Prayer:** Mike led a prayer for wisdom, guidance, and support for truth and for God's people.

**Finances:** Anne reported that donations are strong, expenses are up about 25% over previous year, principally due to the allocated costs related to the work of the financial working group. Net assets, albeit down some, remain strong.

**Development:** General discussion of status of list of top donors and the efforts being made to stay in touch with them. The list will be sent to the board members, with notation of those we may encounter at the October conference.

**Conference:** Details of the "Creating a Just Church" gathering, including the working agenda, were circulated in advance. Donna noted changes from prior years, particularly with respect to a change in food presentation, and related them to contractual terms. Current attendance figures, which are in line with other conferences, were provided.

**Radio Talk:** Mary Pat and Margaret's radio presentation went well, even resulting in the host's suggestion to listeners that they make a donation to VOTF.

**Executive Director's Report:** Donna highlighted portions of her written report, and, with respect to the social media report, pointed out that of the Facebook posts boosted recently, the ones which seem to get the most attention were those dealing with the bishops.

**AUSCP paper:** discussion of the draft Summary Statement, Declaration on the Status of Women found general approval, albeit not all had read it, or read it thoroughly. Mary Pat asked those who had not to do so and email their thoughts to the other board members.

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended with all reciting the Glory Be.