

VOTF Board of Trustees

Minutes

March 20, 2018

Attending: Mary Pat Fox, Anne Southwood, Margaret Roylance (who had to leave after the vote on the board nomination), Sandra Guynn, Mike Ryan, Larry Mulligan. Absent: Phil Megna. Also attending: executive director Donna Doucette and membership director/scribe Alice Campanella.

Opening Prayer: Mary Pat Fox read a prayer.

Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of February 20, 2018, were approved.

Board Nomination and Vote: The nomination of Pat Gomez and her election to the board was moved, seconded, and all voted in favor. It was noted that Phil Megna will complete two consecutive terms at the end of May, so we will have another vacancy at that time.

Meeting Day Discussion and Vote: After discussion, a motion to move the Board's meeting date to the third Monday of the month, starting April 2018, was made, seconded and approved. The meeting for April will be on April 23rd.

Financial Report: Anne reported on the continuing financial health of the organization as total assets are approximately \$300,000. Also noted was the good return on the annual appeal for 2017, and the fact that there will be development costs showing up now even though they may properly be allocated to December 2017.

Executive Director's Update: Donna covered the work Margaret is heading up to submit a grant for a lay leadership project by the April 1st deadline to the Louisville Institute. She explained some of the available information on social media and how attempts are made to measure its impact on attracting new members. On Healing Circles, the opportunity to hold one will be presented at a colloquium of the AUSCP in June. An invitation VOTF received to attend the gathering of the NFPC was withdrawn on the basis that it feared disrupting its status with the USCCB.

Donna also noted that some unwarranted comments have appeared on our FB page and steps are in process to resolve the issue.

Conference Update: Marie Collins has asked to confer concerning expectations, and a telephone call is scheduled for that purpose. Efforts are being directed now to encourage registrations.

Financial Accountability Update: On Saturday, the group will confer with the focus on David Castaldi's recent email regarding responses to a bishop who has entered into a letter-writing dialogue with the FWG.

Closing Prayer: Mary Pat led the recitation of the Glory Be.