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Board of Trustees Meeting (at VOTF office and teleconference)
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
February 24, 2012, 7:00 PM to 8:50 PM Eastern

Board Members Present: Elia Marnik (not on call), Bill Casey (not on call), Pat Gomez (VOTF office), Ron DuBois (VOTF office), Ed Wilson (phone), Mary Pat Fox (phone), John Hushon (not on call) Jayne O'Donnell (phone), Dan Bartley (not on call) Mary Freeman (phone) and Mark Mullaney (VOTF office)

Officers Present: Janet Hauter (not on call), Kevin Connor (phone), and Nick Mazza (phone)

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office),

Opening Prayer: Pat Gomez

Administrative Matters: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved a motion to vote Anne Southwood as a Trustee to the Board for a term beginning March 15, 2012 to replace Mary Pat Fox by a vote of 8-0-4. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the consent agenda items and minutes to the January 22, 2012, meeting by a vote of (8 yeas- 0 no- 4 absent).

Finances: Kevin indicated that January 2012 was a good month. He is pleased with the monthly financial statement. He complimented the professionalism of the Development program and reported that VOTF is maintaining an Adequate position. Donna Doucette added that cash flow will dip temporarily because of the upcoming 10th anniversary conference. The development office will conduct an email solicitation campaign in a few months.

Birthday Celebration: Jayne indicated that the conference agenda is set and especially the speakers and conference theme to cut across all the speakers' talks for a unified message. More registrations are needed to keep up cash flow goals. Nick Ingala is the conference public relations person. John Morgan, Chair of Child Protection in Ireland will be the keynote speaker at the conference. She expects that this speaker will be a good draw for the conference.

Leadership Reports: Dan Bartley, President was absent and incoming President; Mark Mullaney took the opportunity to acknowledge the current officers who will be leaving leadership on March 15, 2012. These officers are Janet Hauter, Kevin Connors and Nick Mazza. Mark also acknowledged Mary Pat Fox who is leaving her role as trustee and past president. Many Trustees and Officers honored Mary Pat for her years of dedicated service.

Executive Directors Report: The report was submitted to the Board and Officers in the agenda items and Donna indicated that she was willing to address any questions. Since no questions were raised, Donna provided our high ranking on Google' search engines which is positive development.

Strategic Plan: Mark Mullaney opened the presentation by stating that the new officers were meeting to begin to streamline the strategic plans and to provide realistic measurements to determine successful outcomes. Ron DuBois provided a summary of a draft of the Strategic Plan

and indicated that, at present, no measurement goals are in the plan. The focus of the plan are the three mission goals of VOTF, supporting survivors of clergy sexual abuse, supporting Priest's of Integrity and working toward church reforms universally.

Face-to-Face Meeting: It was agreed to hold the upcoming face-to-face meeting on March 30th and 31st at the Wellesley College Club.

New Business:

By-Laws discussion: Mary Pat Fox, Committee Chair, mentioned that the previous draft of by-law has been revised and suggested that particular attention be given to the "Nomination and election of Trustees" Section 5, Article 1 when reviewing the new draft. Once new input is received, the Governance Committee will meet again before March 15, 2012 and make their recommendations to the Board for their March face-to-face meeting.

Snap Legal Issues: A brief summary was provided on the legal issues of SNAP and a brief discussion followed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM (8-0-4). The next scheduled Board meeting is the semi-annual face-to-face meeting set for the weekend of March 30 and 31, 2012, at the Wellesley College Club to commence on Friday evening at 5 pm for dinner.