

MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting (at VOTF office and teleconference)
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
January 24, 2012, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Eastern

Board Members Present: Elia Marnik (office), Bill Casey (phone), Pat Gomez (phone), Ron DuBois (VOTF office), Ed Wilson (phone), Mary Pat Fox (phone), John Hushon (phone) Jayne O'Donnell (phone), Dan Bartley (phone) Mary Freeman (phone) and Mark Mullaney (phone)
Officers Present: Janet Hauter (not on call), Kevin Connor (phone), and Nick Mazza (phone)
Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office),

Opening Prayer: Ed Wilson "Come Holy Spirit"

Administrative Matters: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the consent agenda items and minutes to the November 22, 2011, meeting by a vote of 9 yeas- 0 no- 2 absent). Executive Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

Finances: Kevin indicated that the Financial Report represents the month of December 2011. A discussion commenced with a discussion on a comparison of our financial position compared to December 2010. Kevin indicated that a small shortfall was realized thus far but feels that there is room for a positive projection into the future.

Birthday Celebration: Jayne had no additional information other than what had previously been sent out to the Board and Officers. . She indicated that we should continue to promote and market the celebration and to confirm speakers. Discussion over the event insurance took place and it was resolved to purchase the insurance at a cost of \$832. Resolution: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the purchase of event insurance for \$832 as recommended by the committee by a vote of 11-0-0.

Emily and Rosemary Fund: Mary Freeman reported that one candidate has applied for this round of nominations and that she is planning for the next deadline. We are also complying with the State of Michigan request for information.

By-Laws discussion: The first order of business was to determine if the positions of Board Chair and President should be left separate or combined into one; after discussion the following determination was made: **Resolution:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved that the positions of Board Chair and president be one position by a vote of 9-2-0. Further discussion continued on the election or appointment of trustees. The following was determined: **Resolution:** Of the 11 Trustee positions, 4 will be elected by the membership. If there are not a sufficient number of candidates to be elected, the Board will appoint Trustees for these positions. In addition, if the incumbents of any of these elected positions depart before the end of their terms, the Board will appoint Trustees for the expiration of these terms; approved by a vote of 10-0-1. Finally, discussion continued on the length of the upcoming term of office for the newly appointed officers to the Board. **Resolution:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the length of the term of the new officers to the Board to run from March 15, 2012, to June 2013 by a vote of 11-0-0.

Leadership Reports: Dan Bartley, President, indicated that the Officers were working on the transition between the current group of officers and the newly appointed officers to the Board. The current officers were preparing summaries of the VIA platforms and initiatives to assist in the transition.

Executive Directors Report: The report was given by Donna as provided in the Executive Director Report submitted to the Board and Officers.

New Business: Discussion took place over the need and timing for a face-to-face meeting in the spring. It was decided to postpone since more discussion is needed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM (11-0-0). The next scheduled Board meeting is set for Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 7:00PM. .