

VOICE of the FAITHFUL

Board of Trustees

April 20, 2020

Attending: Mary Pat Fox, Anne Southwood, Pat Gomez, Margaret Roylance, Mike Ryan, Larry Mulligan; also attending, Executive Director, Donna Doucette, all via GoToMeeting.

Opening prayer: Mary Pat read an adaption of a prayer of Richard Rohr, OFM.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 09, 2020, were approved.

Financial update: Anne advised our financials are still in good shape despite a lessening of the net assets due to spending on programs. Income is approximately the same as last year. Pat raised a question about an increase in accrued payroll, which was attributed to vacation pay.

Executive director's report: Mike raised a question about our response to two bishops who responded to the most recent survey by the FWG, and Donna contacted one and Margaret the other, confirming the VOTF position that three unrelated persons are the minimum necessary to properly process collections. Anne asked about resubmitting our application for the government's Paycheck Protection Program and Donna indicated we should not have to, but it may be necessary to find a different bank that is more aggressive, which could entail a resubmission. The advantages and disadvantages of seeking listings in directories and purchasing mailing lists were discussed.

October 2020 conference: The options in light of the COVID-19 virus, and the likelihood that it may need to be adjourned or cancelled was discussed. This will require continued discussion in light of developments.

Board nominations: Various candidates were mentioned and evaluated. The nomination committee is a committee of the whole.

Bylaw revision: Mary Pat suggested we look at the draft she has recently sent to the trustees. Mike suggested a change in the qualification language from "interest" to "support."

Financial working group: Margaret reported that Sandra Guynn and Bev Spencer have agreed to repeat as reviewers for the 2020 financial transparency review. We plan to select a third reviewer recruited from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (STM) as we did last year. The reviewer position has been posted by the STM and we have been contacted by several well-qualified candidates. We will interview for the position and should have the third reviewer in place well before the beginning of the 2020 review.

Closing prayer: Mary Pat lead the recitation of the Glory Be.