

**Voice of the Faithful**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**February 15, 2021**

Attending: Mary Pat Fox (presiding), Pat Gomez, Elia Marnik, Margaret Roylance, Michael P. Marnik, Joe Finn and Donna Doucette, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pat Fox, President, at 7:07 p.m.

An opening prayer was given by Pat Gomez, a prayer for peace and freedom from vengeance, inspired by Joan Chittister.

Upon motion made by Margaret Roylance, duly seconded by Elia Marnik, it was unanimously

Voted: approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2021, as amended.

Executive Director Report. Donna Doucette submitted a written report in advance of the meeting and solicited questions of the Trustees.

2021 Conference Update: projected for October 23, 2021, virtual again. Francine Cardman has been approached as the ideal keynote speaker, but the connection has not yet been made. In addition to Prof. Cardman, we will ask Massimo Faggioli and perhaps Paul Lakeland. However, since we want to use as our Conference theme “Re-Membering the Church,” we were first approaching Prof. Cardman, who has written on that topic.

A Financial Report was provided by Joe Finn and Donna Doucette. Joe Finn was concerned about balances on three restricted funds: (1) balance for Healing Circles is \$4,376.36; (2) balance for The Protecting Our Children Working Group fund is \$24,930.60 (which will be used during the year and also will be replenished when needed in accordance with the commitment of the sponsoring donor; and (3) a balance of \$1,295 for the Chicago VOTF affiliate, which no longer is in operation. Joe Finn suggested that these balances be reported in a note to the financial statements.

Protection of Children Working Group Update: Pat Gomez submitted a written report in advance of the meeting. Pat Gomez has prepared the Reviewers' Guide, which will be rolled out on March 1.

The main POC website Review Study is projected to start in March 2021, continue through April, and end on May 31, 2021. Mary Pat Fox has prepared a letter to the bishops announcing the fact that the review will be conducted. Emailed copies will be sent to each diocesan Safe Environment coordinator. Analysis planned for June 2021. Mary Pat Fox noted the possibility of publicity for POC in the appropriate diocesan newspaper.

Margaret Roylance remarked that a third reviewer would be needed. She also reported on the contents of a lengthy meeting of the Financial Working Group.

Governance Review Update. Joe Finn reported that he is attempting to enlist John O'Malley, SJ, for participation in a mini-synod on governance. Margaret Roylance noted that a prime example of lay governance is reflected in the operation of finance councils.

There was no new business to come before the meeting.

At 8:23 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with a prayer, the Glory Be, followed by the allowance of a motion to adjourn duly made and seconded.