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Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday February 16, 2016

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney Mary Pat Fox, Larry Mulligan, David O'Brien, Mary Freeman, Margaret Roylance, Mike Ryan, Anne Southwood, Donna Doucette, Executive Director

Board Members Absent: Phil Megna

Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order and said the opening prayer.

Margaret Roylance presented the minutes of the Board meeting on January 19, 2016, which were accepted.

Financial Report

The Financial report was presented by Anne Southwood and Donna Doucette. Anne reported that VOTF is on track for the end of the fiscal year and that our revenues were up by 7%. Donna reminded the Board that our revenues are always going to be light during June, July, and August because our members are often away.

Development/Executive Director's Report

Donna presented both the ED's report and the Development report on behalf of Priscilla Deck. She reported that plans were well underway for the VOTF Spotlight event to be held at the Cape Anne Cinema on Saturday March 19th. After the showing of the film, both Walter Robinson and Michael Rezendes will take part in a panel discussion about the events of the film, which culminated in the story published by *The Boston Globe* at the beginning of 2002, and about what happened next.

She also reminded the Board of the fund-raising event planned for late April featuring Ronald Heifetz (Founding Director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School) on Adaptive Change. She pointed out that the study of Adaptive Change is a good match with VOTF, since "Keep the Faith, Change the Church" is an excellent example of Adaptive Change. Board members were encouraged to invite people to such events who may be new to VOTF's current activities.

Finally she recommended that members go to the VOTF website for the Lenten Reflections which may be found there throughout Lent.

Updates on Ongoing VOTF Committees and Initiatives

Healing Circles

The next Healing Circle is planned for March 19th at the Arch Street Shrine in Boston. The fact that this will conflict with the March 19th Spotlight event was noted.

Nominating Committee

Mary Freeman, Chair of the Trustee Nominating Committee, reported that her committee had approached several possible trustee nominees with no acceptances yet. Several additional names were discussed.

Financial Transparency and Accountability

Margaret reported that a meeting of the Finance Working Group is planned for February 20th. The WG will discuss Mike Ryan's open letter to the USCCB on collection security and receive updates on local activities from other group members.

Clericalism

Donna reported that she and Deborah Rose-Milavec of FutureChurch have both been invited to host colloquia at the June meeting of the AUSCP. Topics are still under discussion.

The meeting adjourned with a Glory Be.