

Voice of the Faithful Board of Trustees Meeting – June 21, 2016 7:00PM

Present: Mary Pat Fox, Mike Ryan, Mark Mullaney, Phil Megna, Sandra Guynn, Dave O'Brien, Executive Director Donna B. Doucette, and Development Director Priscilla Deck. Absent: Larry Mulligan, Margaret Roylance and Anne Southwood.

The meeting, using <https://global.gotomeeting.com>, began at 7:06 with a prayer by Mary Pat. The May minutes were approved. There were no questions about the Director's report. There were no questions about the Communication Report but Mike Ryan and other trustees made laudatory comments about Nick's report. Mary Pat requested that all the trustees sign up to follow Nick's blog and VOTF's Facebook page. She also requested that the November face-to-face meeting be changed to October 28-29. The trustees agreed to the change and a fund raiser will be arranged to take place at that time.

Financial Report:

Donna Doucette reported that the May '16 assets are down. We need summer support to remain financially healthy until September. Mary Pat also voiced concern about the financial situation.

Development Report:

Priscilla suggested the need for a new paradigm: projects that are constructive, provide opportunities, and are something that would attract non-VOTF members. Projects would be "friend raising." She also stressed that we can't neglect the donors that we have. We need to encourage involvement by serving on various committees.

Dave O'Brien said if we want to raise funds we need to go beyond the two projects voted on by the trustees. Donna explained that we do go beyond the two projects. She was currently in Chicago working with the Association of United States Catholic Priests, conducting a seminar on clericalism at their annual conference. We also work very closely with Future Church, and have an ongoing committee on Child Protection. Mary Pat said she would ask the board to vote on their priorities at the September meeting. David told the board that he would put together a proposal outlining the direction he feels that VOTF needs to go to improve development possibilities. Dave said that we should have a BOT meeting at the end of July. The BOT had previously voted not to meet in the summer. Mark said board activity is more important than talk sessions and the officers would be working on projects over the summer.

Mike Ryan has added a page to his financial accountability web site with information about VOTF and links to various VOTF resources.

The Financial Accountability group has divided the country into regions and assigned a region to each of the committee members. Sandra Guynn designed a template for them to use.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

The next BOT meeting will be September 20, 2016.