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Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting, March 17, 2015

Present in the office: Mark Mullaney, Mike Ryan, Donna Doucette, Executive Director

Present via Conference Call: Mary Freeman, Larry Mulligan, Mary Pat Fox

Absent: Margaret Roylance, Anne Southwood, Phil Megna, Pat Gomez

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a St. Patrick's Day prayer.

The notes from the February meeting were not available and will be provided later for review.

Finance and Executive Director's Report – March revenues were slightly better than forecast. We continue to lose monthly donors and need to encourage our members to become monthly partners. We also need to encourage our new monthly donors to step up to the level of past major donors, which will take time.

Donna explained the options for replacing our servers. The replacement is necessitated by Microsoft ceasing support of Windows Server 2003 on July 14, 2015. The discussion consisted of the pros and cons of replacing the servers with new ones or using virtual servers (the cloud).

She reported that work continues on the Financial Diocesan Database and gave the trustees the URL for the web portal. It is about 80% completed but will need constant, ongoing updating. She also reported on the sex abuse case in India and distributed an article about it featured this month in *The New Leader*. She continues to be in touch with those involved.

Hartford Assembly Update – Response to the Assembly has been slow. Mark asked the trustees to each invite five people to attend. The hotel has extended the discounted room offer for two more weeks. In order to make the down payment for the Assembly we borrowed \$9,100 from our bank at no interest and a one-time 3% fee.

The Board of Trustees will meet at Vivo's Restaurant in the Hartford Marriot at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16, for dinner. We will then go to the Board Room at the Convention Center for our meeting from 7 to 10 p.m. On Friday, April 17, the trustee meeting will convene at 8 a.m. in the Convention Center Board Room and will conclude about 3:30/4 p.m.

Nominating Committee – Mary Freeman reported that we have two prospective candidates for the soon-to-be-vacated trustee positions. The Committee is hoping to meet one or both of them at the Assembly. Dan Bartley interviewed one of the candidates by phone and Ed Wilson will meet with the other candidate at the end of this week. This is in addition to the phone interviews conducted by the members of the Nominating Committee.

Healing Circle – The scheduled March 25 Healing Circle in Naples FL has been cancelled. With the leader of the SWFLVOTF affiliate new to the area and the sudden death of one of their officers and the lack of someone locally who has a history with survivors, it was thought that keeping the March 25 commitment would not be possible. Mark said that we realized the Healing Circles require good local infrastructure. There are plans to hold Healing Circles in NYC and possibly Chicago but not until after the Assembly.

The meeting concluded with a prayer at 7:58 PM.