

## MINUTES

### VOTF Board of Trustees

May 21, 2018

**Attending:** Mary Pat Fox, Anne Southwood, Margaret Roylance, Pat Gomez, Mike Ryan and Larry Mulligan. Absent: Phil Megna. Also attending: Donna Doucette and Alice Campanella.

**Opening prayer:** Larry read a prayer from Brian Doyle's *A Book of Uncommon Prayer*.

Additionally, a special prayer was made for a parish experiencing difficulties with secrecy and lack of accountability in the operation of its school system by an order of priests.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Board's meeting of April 23, 2018, were approved.

**Update on conference:** Donna advised that the plans were proceeding well and would be reviewed in a conference call on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nick Ingala recently visited the site and reported that a significant savings for AV costs may be possible. Registration has been slow, as expected, and means to address that were covered, including swapping advertisements and a contest for Red Sox tickets.

**Financial working group:** Margaret indicated the group would be meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The program for the upcoming summer is well on its way. The 32 archdioceses' financial reports have again been analyzed, with modest improvements shown. Omaha, Newark and Mobile showed the most improvement, with Omaha going from 43% to 93%, by far the greatest. There were no significant retreats found. The comparable analysis of the 144 dioceses is ongoing.

David Castaldi, Nick and Margaret are working on an article based on this study, which will stress transparency as the first step in the process, and that will be up to members of the various dioceses to seek more accountability.

Margaret also advised that no word has been received concerning the grant from the Louisville Institute for a lay spirituality initiative, and that an AUSCP arrangement with a company that offers annuities is being investigated as a possible model for our development efforts.

**Financial:** Anne and Donna reported on the current status and discussed various aspects of the proposed budget for FY2019. Pat suggested adding \$1,500 to that budget for travel contingencies, and with that modification the proposal was approved.

**Next meeting:** Mary Pat noted that there will not be a scheduled meeting in June or July. The next meeting, unless a special meeting is necessary, will be at 7 p.m., August 20, 2018.

**Closing prayer:** Mary Pat led the recitation of the *Glory Be*.