

## MINUTES

### Voice of the Faithful, Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting, August 18, 2015

**Board Members Present:** Mark Mullaney, Anne Southwood, Mike Ryan, Larry Mulligan, Mary Freeman, Margaret Roylance, Phil Megna, David O'Brien, Donna Doucette

**Absent:** Mary Pat Fox

Mary Freeman opened the meeting with a prayer at 7 p.m.

The minutes for June and July meetings were approved by the Board.

#### **Finances/Development**

VOTF continues to look for ways to increase our financial reserves. We are sending out our September appeal at the end of August in order to improve our financial situation and we will also send out an email next week with a brief but direct plea for funds expressing our need to cover present costs and future projects. We are seeking a foundation to help finance our Healing Circles. Tom Doyle has agreed to help us with a fundraiser and Jayne O'Donnell is planning a fundraising dinner at a private home on September 12th. Jayne will cover our development activities until we have a replacement for her, at which time a development schedule needs to be put in place.

#### **VOTF Participation in the Pope's Visit**

VOTF successfully raised \$3,375 for an ad that will appear in the special edition of the *National Catholic Reporter* on the occasion of the Pope's visit. VOTF will have spokespersons in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia at the time of the Pope's stops there. The Board of Trustees discussed the need for VOTF to have a clear position for the Family Synod when the Pope arrives. Margaret Roylance agreed to undertake some analysis of VOTF members' responses to our questionnaire in preparation for the Pope's visit and Mark's subsequent visit to Rome.

#### **Initiative Update**

Mary Freeman asked trustees to pick a month in which to feature each of our initiatives. Child Protection will be featured in April. Larry Mulligan will contact a woman who participated in some of their diaconate classes and who may have an interest in becoming a deacon. He will then provide an update to the Board.

#### **Other**

Donna Doucette presented her Director's report. Board members received a copy of the report and can follow up with Donna on any questions they may have. Dave O'Brien promised to review the trustee's insurance policy and make recommendations at our September meeting.

The meeting ended with a prayer.