

MINUTES
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting, July 21, 2015

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney, Mike Ryan, Mary Pat Fox, Mary Freeman, Margaret Roylance, Phil Megna, David O'Brien, Donna Doucette

Absent: Larry Mulligan, Anne Southwood

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order with a prayer at 7 p.m.

Finances/Development

Our summer emails need to highlight that we are approaching an extraordinary time because of the Papal visit. We also need to keep our members informed of Mark's trip to Rome for the Family Synod. The Board agreed that we need to build a crescendo of interest about the Pope's visit and VOTF activities concerning the Family Synod. We will use a preview copy of our Papal ad, prepared for the special edition of the NCR, in our development communication (Donna noted that we are only 2/3 of the way toward our goal for funding the Papal ad). Margaret suggested sending the ad to our 40 top contributors before sending it out to our general membership. VOTF continues to search for a development director. We are also seeking a person whose primary duty would be grant writing. We need a wider range of candidates than those who have currently responded.

VOTF Participation in the Pope's Visit

Larry Mulligan and Mark Mullaney, and possibly Phil Megna as well, will be in Philadelphia for the Pope's visit on September 26/27. It was noted that Archbishop Chaput appears to be trying to control the audience at Papal events. Mary Pat and Margaret will be in DC on September 23/24. At this time, very limited information about the activities in DC have been made public. Michael Mack's play "Conversations with my Molester" will be performed in NYC around the time of the Pope's arrival there.

AUSCP Conference.

Donna had a positive experience at the AUSCP Conference. Some of the priests were interested in our work on Bishop Selection. She found that several of the priests are members of VOTF and some have never heard of us. She met a person who might be helpful with connecting us with people in Rome when Mark is there. The feeling among the priests at the Conference is that the bishops are ignoring their own priests and the new priests are disappointing.

Other

Donna sent the trustees a copy of their insurance plan, which costs \$2,200. a year. Dave O'Brien offered to look it over and report back to the board.

The meeting ended with a prayer.