

MINUTES - Final
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting April 16, 2013

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney (office), Dan Bartley (phone), Ron Dubois (office), Mary Freeman (phone), Ed Greenan (phone), Margaret Roylance (office), Anne Southwood (office), Ed Wilson (phone), and Patricia Gomez (phone)

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

Absent: Phil Megna

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Opening Prayer: Dan Bartley led us in Prayer for guidance as leaders.

1. Administrative Matters: The minutes from the March 19, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved (9-0-0).

2. Finances: Treasurer Anne Southwood reported that VOTF financials at the end of February approximate an Adequate liquidity level. Donations are up from the same period in FY2012 and monthly donations are also up from 2012.

3. Development Committee: President Mark Mullaney and Executive Director Donna Doucette advised on the fiscal year-end appeal. Event initiatives for June through August are taking shape. A more immediate goal is focusing on planned giving promotion.

4. Officers' Report: Mary Freeman provided an update on the Initiatives. Vice-President Ron DuBois provided an update on Fr. Helmut Schüller's U.S. summer speaking tour: the kick-off event will be in New York City on July 16th and the final event will be held on Long Island on August 8th. Ron also reported that the White Paper on Clericalism is nearing completion and that retired Australian Bishop Geoffrey Robinson will visit the US this summer.

5. Executive Director Report: Donna presented an update on the VOTF Web Ads and the VOTF book: *Voices: Telling Our Stories* written by VOTF members. She also advised on the March appeals campaign.

6. Board Committees: Members were reminded to sign up to serve on two Board Committees. Nominating Committee Chair Mary Freeman announced the Committee's recommendations of two nominees to serve on the Board of Trustees for a three-year term starting June 2013. They are: Larry Mulligan and MaryPat Fox. Mary Freeman proposed that the Board accept the Committee's recommendation. By unanimous assent, both candidates were voted onto the Board (9-0-0) and will be invited to attend the next Board meeting

7. Face-to-face BOT Meeting: The next Board meeting will take place May 17 – 18, 2013, Friday evening and all day Saturday at the Wellesley Club in Wellesley, MA. The Agenda on Friday will focus on development and administrative matters. The Saturday Agenda will focus on Programs and Initiatives, including: description of Initiatives with specific, scheduled activities; discussion on identifying leadership for: Spiritual Life, Youth Initiative, and Support for Survivors Initiatives.

8. Closing Prayer: all joined in the Glory Be.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

A Board Meeting date change was announced: the July 16th meeting date has been rescheduled to July 23, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia T. Gomez, Secretary