

MINUTES - Final
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting December 18, 2012

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney (office), Dan Bartley (phone), Ron Dubois (office), Mary Freeman (phone), Ed Greenan (phone), Phil Megna (phone), Jayne O'Donnell (phone), Margaret Roylance (phone), Anne Southwood (phone), Ed Wilson (phone), and Patricia Gomez (office).

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Opening Prayer: Phil Megna led the group in prayer.

1. Administrative Matters: Board minutes from the November 20, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved (11-0-0)

2. Financial Discussion

Board members discussed the financial situation at the end of November and explored ways to increase cash on hand. Executive Director reported expense projections for December, donations received since the end of November, and anticipated year-end donations.

Treasurer Anne Southwood noted the need to increase donations and to expand the number of donors. President Mullaney advised on plans to increase revenue, including personal visits to affiliates and one-on-one appeals for donations. Applications for grants and foundations as a religious organization were also discussed. The scope of previous VOTF applications for grants and foundation awards will now be expanded as such submissions are often limited to organizations in existence for 10 or more years.

3. Role of Women in the Church

Pat Gomez led a discussion on the role of women in our Church and the current VOTF position supporting reinstatement of female ordination to the diaconate.

A sense of the discussion supported the current position and explored an initiative to raise awareness of the church's changing positions over the centuries on ordaining women to the diaconate. The initiative will promote asking hard and difficult questions of the hierarchy regarding inequality of treatment of women in the church and insisting on answers to these questions. The initiative will provide educational information on the well-documented historical basis for the female diaconate and will be promoted through the VOTF network of affiliates and regional groups.

Mark Mullaney led the group in a closing prayer.

Meeting ended 8:10 pm.

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia T. Gomez, Secretary.