

MINUTES - Final
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting February 19, 2013

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

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

Development Coordinator: Jayne O'Donnell (phone),

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

Opening Prayer for the success of the Papal Conclave was led by Anne Southwood

1. Administrative Matters: The amended minutes from the January 22, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved (10-0-0).

2. Finances: Treasure Anne Southwood reported the upward movement of cash on hand and an Adequate liquidity level. President Mullaney commented that the momentum generated by the 10th Conference has been captured.

3. Development Committee: Jayne O'Donnell was introduced as Development Coordinator. On February 1st, she stepped down from her position on the Board to assume this position. Jayne reported on the visit to two affiliates in Florida with Mark Mullaney. A detailed report will be published in the upcoming *In the Vineyard*.

4. Nominating Committee: Chair Mary Freeman reported that seven names have been submitted and that Committee members will start contacting potential nominees shortly. More submissions are encouraged.

5. Officers' Report: Vice-President Ron Dubois reported that sending a petition to bishops on the pastoral provision has been delayed due to the resignation of the Pope and upcoming Papal Conclave.

Donna Doucette reported that the New York affiliate statement and petition will be part of the VOTF Lenten activities. These documents support respect for the primacy of conscience, and they call for open dialogue on women's roles within the Church. Both will be posted on the webpage as: "Lent 2013: What You Can Do" along with other resources.

Ron Dubois reported on online activities with COR and ongoing collaboration with FutureChurch on a letter writing campaign to Cardinal electors of the new Pope.

Pat Gomez reported on the initiative to promote April: Child Abuse Prevention Month that will be in the March 8th issue of *In the Vineyard*. A list of resource new materials were will also be available.

Mark Mullaney reported on actions being prepared with regard to the change in the Papacy, including media statements and media talking points.

Development Coordinator Jayne O'Donnell has suggested an Ad format and ways to solicit donations to develop and disseminate the ads.

Ron Dubois reported on the lecture tour this summer with Fr. Helmut Schuler of Austria and VOTF co-sponsorship. A kick-off event will be planned for NYC, and VOTF will have two dates for speaking engagements. Suitable locales are being investigated.

Mark Mullaney reported on the financial transparency initiative. Margaret Roylance has drafted a white paper that includes a study proposal.

Mark thanked Mary Freeman, Donna Doucette and Nick Ingala for keeping our initiatives moving forward.

6. Executive Director's Report: Among the activities of the past month, Donna noted the Monday website postings from Gaile Pohlhaus. These are personal reflections with a spiritual component focused on the past Sunday readings and will continue through Lent.

7. Closing Prayer: All in attendance prayed the Our Father.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia T. Gomez
Board & National Secretary