

**Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting (at VOTF office and teleconference)**  
**Voice of the Faithful, Inc.**  
**February 22, 2011, 7:00 PM to 8:20 PM Eastern**

**Board Members Present:** Elia Marnik (not on call), Bill Casey (phone), Pat Gomez (office), Ron DuBois (VOTF office), Ed Wilson (phone), Mary Pat Fox (not on call), John Hushon (phone) Jayne O'Donnell (phone), Dan Bartley (phone) Mary Freeman (phone) and Mark Mullaney (phone)  
**Officers Present:** Janet Hauter (not on call), Kevin Connor (phone), and Nick Mazza (phone)  
**Executive Director:** Donna Doucette (office), Julie Dutcher (Development and office).

**Opening Prayer:** Jayne

**Administrative Matters:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the consent agenda items and minutes to the January 25, 2011 meeting by a vote of 9 yeas- 0 no- 2 absent).

**Advisory Committee report:** Although not present on this call, Chair person Elia Marnik had previously submitted a written summary of the Advisory Council's first conference call. Elia will be the regular contact person to the Council.

**Other reports:** Dan Bartley indicated that someone representing VOTF would attend the COR meeting in April to participate in the discussion about outreach to youth.

John Hushon proposed that VOTF should give a 48-hour or so period for a response to any letter it sends to a Bishop, and if the Bishop does not respond in that time period, VOTF should publish the letter with an acknowledgement of no timely response. No further discussion occurred.

The face-to-face Board Meeting is set for the weekend of March 25, 2011. A draft agenda will be forwarded to all members, who are asked to provide input.

**Finances:** Kevin indicated that operating cash reserves at the end of January exceeded \$178,000. There continues to be a positive developing financial picture for the organization. The success of these financials rests with the ongoing Christmas appeal and the results of major donor support. Kevin did caution that February and March financials will be negative.

**Development Report:** Jayne expressed satisfaction with the on-going major donor efforts and a plan is in the making to extend the cultivation of major donors beyond the Boston area. After the close of the face-to-face Board meeting on Saturday, March 26, a donor social is set with cocktails and appetizers at PapaRazzi's in Wellesley.

The March newsletter is out and a timeline for fiscal year-end mailings is drafted. Foundation and acquisition cultivation is on-going.

**Leadership Reports:** Dan Bartley, President indicated that the Officers recently adopted the slogan "Putting VOTF on the Map" to consistently keep before us the fact that we are looking for results and positive media attention in support of our projects and programs. Many VIA initiatives continue, finances remain stable and we are working on responses to recent revelations in Philadelphia and elsewhere. Additionally, at the last monthly Core Team meeting, held on 1/19, Officers asked initiative leaders to concentrate with their membership on 1-2 goals their initiative

could achieve this calendar year. Some are already working on large initiatives that may have benchmark successes while others are celebrating successful, somewhat smaller, outcomes or results. The request to think in this direction and report back in the weeks to come was received well and taken most seriously and reinforces our internal pledge to focus on results.

**American Catholic Council:** John Hushon provided a brief ACC status report to the Board. The ACC registrations are in the 500+ attendee range and additional efforts are in the works to promote the conference especially through VOTF newsletters. Conference speakers are confirmed and the Kung video is completed and other presentations. Additionally, there are opportunities to view exhibits from approximately 18 organizations. To-date there have been more than 40 listening sessions.

Planning for the Mass of the Holy Spirit at ACC is progressing. Plans are underway to determine the role of the ACC after the event, including possibilities to engage in non-violent and peaceful resistance efforts to reform the church.

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm (9-0-2 absent). The next scheduled Board meeting is set as a face-to-face meeting for the weekend of March 25, 2011 at the Wellesley College Club at 5:30 PM.*