

MINUTES - Final
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting January 22, 2013

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), Anne Southwood (phone), Ed Wilson (phone), and Patricia Gomez (office).

Absent: Margaret Roylance

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer to the Holy Spirit was led by Ed Wilson

1. Administrative Matters: Board minutes from the December 18, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved (10-0-0).

2. Finances: Treasurer Anne Southwood reported lower than projected expenses through December and revenue above projections that brought about an Adequate financial classification.

President Mullaney expressed appreciation for the year-end fund-raising efforts and encouraged continuing donations to support the initiatives.

3. Development Committee: Co-Chair Jayne O'Donnell reported on the search for a development coordinator, the Super Bowl raffle, and the planned visit with President Mullaney to affiliates in Florida during February.

4. Officers' Report: President Mullaney asked for a review of the current action items and initiatives to identify leaders, plans, schedules, goals and expected outcomes:

Women's Initiative: Pat Gomez reported the goal for Women in the Church 2013 is to raise awareness of the historical perspective of Women Deacons by providing educational resource material; a WI webpage design to include video; templates for group discussions; and possible tools for data analysis.

Finance / Financial Accountability: Mark Mullaney reported that he and Margaret Roylance continue ongoing meeting and activities with various advisors, including collaboration with a Canon law group initiative.

Married Priests / Clerical Culture: Ron DuBois discussed the petition to the Bishops on Married Priesthood to be sent to VOTF. Ed Greenan is currently revising his celibacy paper, which will serve as an educational piece for use by affiliates and parishes. Ron has written the Clericalism paper, which is being reviewed by the committee. Phil Megna and Mary Freeman will prepare the introductory piece to the Universal Priesthood page on the VOTF website.

Survivors: Jayne O'Donnell advised ongoing effort of co-chair Bill Casey reviewing news articles for posting on VOTF media. They have a short summary of resource documents and bibliography available. Jayne monitors the Lamentation Wall and is developing ideas to make

that website more visible, such as adding music or videos to create an appropriate atmosphere.

Ed Wilson suggested looking into who currently serve on diocesan Lay Review Board and diocesan victim assistance coordinators to identify any trends.

Child Protection: Pat Gomez presented a timeline, schedule of suggested affiliate / parish-based activities leading up to April as Child Protection Month, and expected outcomes.

Bishop Selection: Anne Southwood and Ed Wilson: Possible next sites being considered include: Ireland, upper NY state, and San Diego; Jack Doyle leads that search. Ed advised a need to revise the Chicago model to accommodate actions in areas where there are no active VOTF affiliates or organized local leadership.

Youth: ongoing search to identify a leader of this initiative.

LCWR: VOTF will continue to support initiatives that sustain nuns and their work.

President Mullaney announced that Mary Freeman will have oversight of all initiatives and will keep track of timelines and schedules.

5. Executive Director's Report: Donna Doucette reported on the year-end appeal, changes in on-line donations, and web redesign work.

6) Nominating Committee: Chair Mary Freeman reported that four Board positions will be filled this June, including two current positions that are up for renewal. Two other members have served their term-limit and will be leaving the Board; two new members are being sought.

Mark Mullaney encouraged nominations from a broad geographical, nationwide base. The Committee's recommendations will be presented by the end of May.

7) COR March 2013 meeting: Ron DuBois and Pat Gomez plan to attend the meeting in Washington, DC in early March.

Mark Mullaney led the Closing Prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia T. Gomez
Board & National Secretary