

MINUTES - Final
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting March 18, 2014

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney; Ron DuBois; Mary Pat Fox; Mary Freeman; Ed Greenan; Margaret Roylance; Anne Southwood (office); and Patricia Gomez

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

Absent: Larry Mulligan, Phil Megna

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Opening Prayer: Led by Mark Mullaney, we prayed for guidance and inspiration.

1. Consent Item: Minutes from the Feb 28 – Mar 1 2014 Face-to-Face meeting were approved unanimously (8-0-0).

2. Finances: Treasurer Anne Southwood reported that the Liquidity Level stands at 2.2: Adequate. February donations were down compared to last year. Responses to March appeal are expected to start coming in by end of month. Financials were approved unanimously (8-0-0).

3. Activities as a result of the Face-to-Face BOT meeting: Referring to the Minutes from the meeting and a summary analysis prepared by Executive Director Donna Doucette, President Mullaney called for a discussion of activities discussed at the Face-to-Face meeting. These were reviewed in light of dialoguing with US bishops. Members reviewed a Pilot Program for meeting with bishops. Identifying bishops open to meeting with VOTF will first be determined.

A list of VOTF accomplishments will be in the packet for the upcoming Assembly.

A five-year plan for Bishop Selection was recommended to include a process for lay input and identifying opportunities where bishops will be retiring.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. As the Assembly takes place during April, Margaret Roylance recommended strategically placing Abuse Prevention posters at the Hartford Convention Center and offering “blue ribbon” pins to attendees. Pat Gomez will coordinate this effort.

Ron DuBois reported on a planning meeting held to discuss the meeting with Cardinal O’Malley.

4. Assembly: April 2014: Donna reported increased registrations and that vendor tables are being purchased. Hotel rooms for speakers have been covered with donations. A/V costs are being reviewed. Donna will send information on student discounted registration rates to Fairfield U, Boston College, and possibly Providence College. Sincere thanks were expressed to Jayne, Nick and Donna for the time they dedicate to ensure the success of this event.

5. Nominating Committee Report: Chairperson Mary Freeman reported that their work continues.

6. Executive Director Report: Members discussed the financial situation revealed in the Montana case, which will be delineated at an Assembly workshop.

7. COR: Ron DuBois reported current activities and their semi-annual face-to-face meeting to take place the first weekend in April.

8: Closing Prayer: Mark led us in the Glory Be to the Father.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Next Board Meeting: April 22, 2014 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia T. Gomez
Board Member and Secretary