

**MINUTES - Final  
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.  
Board of Trustees Meeting May 21, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Mark Mullaney; Ron DuBois; (office); Mary Pat Fox; Mary Freeman; Ed Greenan; Phil Megna; and Patricia Gomez (call). Margaret Roylance and Anne Southwood (joined late).

**Executive Director:** Donna Doucette (office)

**Absent:** Larry Mulligan

**Guests:** Mike Ryan (will begin term as BOT member June 15<sup>th</sup>) and Jayne O'Donnell Developmental Coordinator to present Development Report

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Mark Mullaney, we prayed for strength to use our voices and in thanksgiving to faithful supporters and workers of VOTF efforts, and in remembrance of those who have been hurt by the Church and for those who work to bring about healing.

Mark took the opportunity to introduce Mike, who expressed humility to be among the group of such active Catholics

**1. Consent Item:** Minutes from the April 22, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously (7-0-0).

**2. Finances:** Treasurer Anne Southwood reported that the Liquidity Level stands at 2.5. Early returns of Fiscal Year-end appeal are coming in, and Donna reported a high percentage of long-standing members who are first- or second-time donors.

**FY 2015 Proposed Budget:** Mark briefly went over the proposed Budget. He advised that final comments and voting will take place at the June 2014 meeting.

**3. Efforts to meet with Cardinal Sean O'Malley:** President Mark Mullaney advised that communications are taking place between the Committee and Boston Archdiocese to try to schedule a meeting of Committee/VOTF officers with Cd. Seán O'Malley.

**4. Development Report:** Development Coordinator Jayne O'Donnell addressed a previous question from a Board member on how to contact a prospective major donor and reviewed the process steps. She also reported a planned Membership Drive in September and summer online solicitation plans. Jayne also reported on planned Development trips to visit potential major donors while meeting with affiliates over the summer.

April Assembly: The idea of an annual assembly was presented and Board members discussed the merits and disadvantages of the idea.

**5. Restorative Justice Committee**

Jayne O'Donnell addressed the report on Restorative Justice Committee that was started by Fr. Jim Connell; Jayne and Bill Casey are the VOTF representatives on this Committee.

**6. Nominating Committee Report:** Mark lead a lively discussion about future election of Board members. VOTF will maintain the 11-member Board and preserve the ability to fill vacancies as

needed. For the time being, we will maintain 1/3 of Board membership to be elected by VOTF membership. This and potential bylaw changes will be reviewed by the Governance Committee and reported back to the Board.

**7. Governance Committee:** Board members on this committee are Mark; Ron Dubois; Mary Pat Fox; Ed Wilson; and Margaret Roylance.

**8. Executive Director Report:** Executive Director Donna Doucette addressed Project updates; Affiliate work; and Acquisition mailings.

**9. Outgoing and New Officers of the Board:** Mark noted that two new officers are needed. Ron Dubois's term of membership on the Board expires June 2014. Each Board member expressed their individual reflections and thanks to Ron for his dedicated and tireless service to the organization. Ron was presented a plaque and an original framed logo of VOTF. And Pat Gomez will not run for another term as Secretary but will continue as Board member.

**Election of New Officers:**

Nomination for Vice-President: MaryPat Fox

Nomination for Secretary: Margaret Roylance

Both were unanimously elected (9-0-0).

The slate of officers for the next two years (through calendar year June 2016) will be:

President: Mark Mullaney

Vice-President: MaryPat Fox

Treasurer: Anne Southwood

Secretary: Margaret Roylance

**8: Closing Prayer:** Mark led the group in the Glory Be.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM

**Next Board Meeting:** June 17, 2014

Respectfully submitted

Patricia T. Gomez

Board Member

**Future Meetings:**

July 22

August 19

September 23

October 21

November 18

December: No meeting