

MINUTES - Final
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting May 29, 2012

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney (office), Bill Casey (phone), Ron DuBois (office), Mary Freeman (phone), Jayne O'Donnell (phone), Anne Southwood (phone), Ed Wilson (phone), and Patricia Gomez (office).

Absent: Dan Bartley, John Hushon, and Elia Marnik

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (Office)

Opening Prayer: Ron offered a prayer in support the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

1. **Administrative Matters:** The April 24, 2012 BOT meeting minutes were unanimously approved (8-0-3).
2. **Finances:** Treasurer Anne Southwood reported positive results for April, with expenses coming in lower than projections. Finances remain in an Adequate Status. Anne and Donna spoke to the benefits of partaking in monthly automated donations, which provide a steady and fixed source of revenue.

2013 Budget: Conference funding will remain separate from 2013 operating expenses. Most line items in the new fiscal year budget will remain the same as the previous year. President Mullaney remarked that the new budget is built on reasonable expectations of revenue and expenses. He thanked all involved in the Budget preparation, in particular Donna and Anne Devers. A motion to accept the 2013 Budget was seconded and approved unanimously (8-0-3).

3. **10th Year Conference Update:** Conference Chair Jayne O'Donnell gave a brief update on reservations, room pick-ups, and funding. All members were asked to use every opportunity to encourage attendance and early registration, as the rate will increase on July 15th.
4. **Officers' Report:** President Mullaney presented a resolution thanking each Trustee whose term of service ends in June: Bill Casey, John Hushon, Elia Marnik, and Pat Gomez. Each will received a framed piece of art, the originally commissioned VOTF logo and symbol.

Strategic Plan: The action plans being developed in the 2013 Strategic Plan will be interwoven with the potential and expected outcomes of the 10th Conference. Discussion centered on whether to implement the Strategic Plan before or after the Conference. Mary Freeman spoke to the effectiveness of a Conference Implementation team that was formed after the Providence Conference. Current VIA members and already functioning groups would continue their work with a focus on the Strategic Plan tenets. Mark will send out the draft Strategic Plan before the next BOT meeting.

5. **Executive Director's Report:** Donna read a letter from a group of nuns who expressed sincere thanks to the VOTF Louisville affiliate for their support. She provided an update on the Conference Book, reporting that submissions continue to come in. Over 300 have been submitted to date.

6. Nominations and Election Committee Report: The election for four Board members will take place June 1 – 10. Final election result notifications will be announced on June 14th. Members are encouraged to pose questions to candidates, whose responses will be posted on the webpage.

7. New Business: None

Closing prayer was led by President Mullaney at 8:12 PM.

Next BOT meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2012. 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia T. Gomez
Secretary