

Minutes (draft)
Board of Trustees Meeting
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
November 22, 2011

Board Members Present: Dan Bartley, Bill Casey, Ron Du Bois (office), Mary Freeman, Mary Pat Fox, Pat Gomez (office), Elia Marnik (presiding), Mark Mullaney, Jayne O'Donnell, and Ed Wilson, John Hushon (absent)

Officers Present: Janet Hauter, Kevin Connors, and Nick Mazza

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

Board Chair Elia Marnik opened the meeting with a Thanksgiving prayer.

Consent Agenda Item: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on October 28-29, 2011 (10-0-1).

Finances: Treasurer Kevin Connors noted that both revenue and expenses met monthly goals for October, but that the average revenue goal for the past five months remains short of the projected goal for the year.

Nominating Committee Update: Chair Ron Dubois reported that no nominations for officer positions had been submitted to date, and he presented alternative arrangements for consideration if a slate of nominees did not emerge by midnight December 5th.

2012 Conference Report: Planning Committee Chair Jayne O'Donnell presented findings on three potential venues in Boston. Depending on the final choice of venue, possible dates are September 14 – 15 and mid-October.

Emily & Rosemary Fund: Fund Committee Chair Mary Freeman provided information on the January 2011 recipient. Changes in future application review actions were discussed.

Boston College Symposium: Chair Elia Marnik reported on the presentation of the fifth and latest survey of self-identified adult Catholics in America conducted by researchers William D'Antonio, Mary Gautier, and Michelle Dillon. Of note are the age-groupings of participants in the survey, including Pre-Vatican II; Vatican II; Post-Vatican II; and Millennials. One significant finding is that foundational theological convictions and the sacraments remain at the core of belief for most Catholics.

Future Direction/VOTF: Board members began discussion of a Business Plan of action for 2012 and the many processes necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of that plan.

Officers Report: President Dan Bartley provided an overview of the VIA Platform Initiatives as well as continuing comments on the role of the Officers in assessing VOTF's future.

Executive Director Report: Donna Doucette provided an opportunity for the trustees and officers to comment on the Executive Director's reports sent prior to the BOT meeting.

Closing prayer and motion to end the meeting: *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM (10-0-1). The next scheduled Board meeting is set for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM.*