

MINUTES
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 17, 2013

Board Members Present: Mark Mullaney (office), Margaret Roylance (office), Ron DuBois (office), Larry Mulligan (phone), Phil Megna (phone), Ed Greenan (phone), Mary Freeman (phone), Anne Southwood (phone)

Executive Director: Donna Doucette (office)

Absent: MaryPat Fox; Patricia Gomez

President Mark Mullaney called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Opening Prayer: Ron DuBois led us in a spontaneous prayer, calling on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Consent Items: The minutes from the August 20, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved (8-0-0)

Finances: Treasurer Anne Southwood reported that the current liquidity level is still problematic. She noted that expenses are being held below budgeted amounts. Donna noted that we have a list of some 1600 new addresses from the Helmut Schuller Tour. Phil Megna suggested contacting religious orders and he will follow up with the Development Coordinator. Donna also noted the fund-raiser scheduled for October 25 with Paul Lakeland.

Discussion of CCR letter to Pope Francis: Margaret Roylance noted that we are Voice of the FAITHFUL, but have nuanced positions that differ from the letter. Mary Freeman noted that the content was fine for individuals to sign, but is not fine for VOTF. Phil Megna acknowledged that it would be difficult to create a document that everyone could agree to. Ed Greenan noted that he was content with the content. Donna commented that signing this document would stretch our mission and goals and the process for developing the letter was not straightforward.

Mark called for a vote on whether or not we should sign: 1-8-0, not to sign. (Larry was briefly off the call; Mary Pat and Pat had sent their absentee votes as “no.”) Mark then called for a vote on whether we should ask to have the link to VOTF removed from the CCR website. That vote carried 8-0-0 in favor of removing the link.

April 2014 Assembly: After obtaining a list of preferred speakers, John Allen was contacted and he agreed. Costs for this speaker are being covered by a donor. Planning group is working on the Agenda.

Face-to-Face BOT meeting: In an attempt to narrow down a date, discussion ensued on whether to meet in the fall or postpone until next spring. Mark requested that board members send their availability to him.