

**Minutes (Final)**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting (at VOTF office and teleconference)**  
**Voice of the Faithful, Inc.**  
**July 27, 2010, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Eastern**

**Board Members Present:** Elia Marnik (presiding and office), Bill Casey (phone), Pat Gomez (phone), Ron DuBois (phone), Ed Wilson (phone), Mary Pat Fox (phone), John Hushon (not on call) Jayne O'Donnell (phone), Dan Bartley (not on call) Mary Freeman (phone) and Mark Mullaney (phone)

**Officers Present:** Janet Hauter (phone), Kevin Connor (phone), and Nick Mazza (phone)

**Executive Director:** Donna Doucette (office), Julie Dutcher (Development and office).

**Opening Prayer:** Elia Marnik led a moment of silence to honor the dedication and service of both Bill Pohlhaus and John Hynes to Voice of the Faithful.

**Administrative Matters:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the consent agenda items and a revision to the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2010, by a vote of 9 yeas- 0 no- 2 absent). Revised minutes will be sent under separate cover by Secretary Nick Mazza.

Elia Marnik, Chair, recognized the professional manner in which Donna Doucette and Clare Keane conducted themselves during their recent media interview. Elia also recognized the success of the Development event planned and conducted by Jayne O'Donnell and Julie Dutcher.

**Finances:** Kevin reported that our financials are showing positive results. We are showing better than budgeted income and expenses activity and have moved from the "adequate" liquidity category to the "safe" liquidity category. The BOT understand the financial statements issued monthly and had no questions in this regard.

It was stated that as of July 23<sup>rd</sup> our cash position is better than budget and we expect it will end up in that better than budget range by the end of the month. The FY11 budget was discussed and approved. The minutes of the June 23, 2010, meeting will be revised to show the vote since it was agreed that the vote actually occurred in the June meeting.

**Board Committee Reports:**

**TRUSTEE STANDING COMMITTEES for FY 11 – Chair Elia Marnik is updating the committee assignment and committee description list and will be sending it out to the BOT.**

**Strategy Committee** – Ed Wilson, Committee Chair, reported that the committee conference called and decided that the BOT Strategy Committee be dissolved and act only as an "ad hoc" committee of the BOT. This committee would generally meet twice a year and act on high profile issues and address course correction with regard to VOTF direction. The following resolution was duly made and seconded to address the dissolution of the committee:

RESLOVED, that, notwithstanding any prior decision or resolution to the contrary made by the Board, the Strategy Committee authorized at the June 23, 2010, meeting of this Board be, and hereby is, dissolved. FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Board allows the Officers to form and implement the Strategy Team as proposed by the Officers at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED, that, as a first order of business, the Officers and Strategic Team will develop, and propose to the Board, a charter that specifies the responsibilities and authority of the team as well as its relationship to other leadership entities in VOTF.

The BOT approved the motion by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 no, and 2 absent.

## **6. Leadership Reports**

The Officer's Report on progress with the VIA activities are forthcoming for BOT review.

The Executive Director submitted her report and indicated no significant concerns to be discussed.

Pat Gomez reported on her interview with the Hispanic television show. She indicated that the Hispanic community is concerned about the level of protection against child sexual abuse and that the need to extend the Statue of Limitations legislation be passed.

Donna Doucette and Clare Keane were again recognized for their fine interview with Emily Rooney. Bill Casey participated on a cable show in Maryland with three survivors. A DVD produced for this program has been announced *In the Vineyard* and the Executive Director is arranging to make it accessible on the VOTF website.

Donna mentioned that she recently sent information on our web activity and asked all to review.

## **7. Other Business:**

There was much discussion about the Reformation Day event being held on October 31, 2010, in Rome, Italy. After this discussion it was decided that Bill Casey would consult with SNAP leaders about their perspective on the event before deciding whether VOTF as an organization would publicize the event, particularly with respect to obtaining confirmation of 501c3 status and availability of their website presently under construction.

Face-to-Face BOT meeting: The BOT meeting schedule was reviewed in light of our attempt to meet face-to-face three times per year. The Trustees agreed to respond to the Chair as to their individual preferences to meet on the three dates proposed by the Chair, including one at the time of the ACC gathering in June 2011. However, it does not appear that a regular BOT meeting can be arranged. There is an opportunity for social interaction with Core Leadership and VIA team members prior to the event and a meeting with potential donors after the conference.

Finally, there was a brief statement made about the recent document from the Vatican that included women's ordination and sex abuse within the same grievous offenses category and the anger within the reform movement over its publication.

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm (9-0-2 absent). The next scheduled Board meeting is set for Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM EST.*