

Minutes (DRAFT)
Board of Trustees Meeting (at VOTF office)
Voice of the Faithful, Inc.
February 26, 2008, 7-10:00 PM (EST)

Board Members: Bill Casey (presiding, on phone), Jayne O'Donnell, Jim Post, Dan Sullivan, Ron DuBois, Dan Bartley (on phone), Mary Pat Fox (on phone), Elia Marnik (on phone), John Hushon (on phone).

Officers: Gaile Pohlhaus (on phone, clerk).

Executive Director: Donna Doucette.

Guest: Margaret Roylance, Chair of Election Committee (on phone, left at 9:20 pm).

Opening Prayer was led by Elia Marnik.

1. Administrative Matters

- a. Bill Casey declared that a quorum was present with 9 Trustees in attendance.
- b. The Board approved the minutes of meetings as presented for January 26-27 and February 10, 2008 (9-0).
- c. The Board deferred discussion on whether to show the date of a meeting held in executive session in the section on the VOTF website where the Board minutes are listed.
- d. The Board adopted the following resolution (9-0):

Resolved: The Board of Trustees extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mary Pat Fox, Sally Vance-Trembath, Gaile Pohlhaus, and Mary Freeman for their dedication, contributions, and service as National Officers of VOTF, Inc. from March 2006 to March 2008. The Board recognizes their goodwill, perseverance, and accomplishments in advancing the mission and goals of VOTF in the face of extraordinary challenges and expectations. The Board hopes to draw upon their continuing contributions in the years ahead.

2. Finances

- a. Financial statements for January 2008 show that VOTF's cash flow remains a continuing challenge and that it is highly sensitive to quarterly appeals and pledges.
- b. The Executive Director will post Forms 990 and quarterly financial information on the VOTF website as soon as possible given resource constraints.

3. Officer Elections

- a. Margaret Roylance provided a summary of the Election Committee's successes and frustrations in conducting the election on behalf of the Board, including satisfaction with the "candidate debates"; complaints from a variety of sources about the election process; and some dissatisfaction with the performance of Campus Vote. The Election Committee will send the Board a final report of its experience and lessons learned.
- b. After assessing the various problems identified in the election process, the Board concluded that a valid election occurred if the expected certification from Campus Vote confirmed the preliminary results announced by the Election Committee.

Note: on March 8, 2008, the Board announced the certified winners as Dan Bartley (President), Janet Hauter (Vice-President), Kevin Connors (Treasurer), and Julie McConville (Secretary), effective March 15, 2008, based on a certification of election results from Campus Vote on February 26, 2008.

c. The Board also agreed to review the complaints and problems identified in the report from the Election Committee and from other sources, and to report to the membership on its findings upon completion of the review.

d. The Board will seek to meet with the new Officers as soon as is feasible.

4. Committee Business

a. The Board approved the following resolution (9-0):

Resolved: The Board authorizes Executive Director Donna Doucette as the responsible party and agent for VOTF, Inc. to administer its investment accounts, including accounts with Banc of America.

b. The Board sent its recommendations to implement the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Roles and Authority to the NRC members of that committee and will await its response.

c. the Governance Committee is pursuing a review of the By-Laws.

5. FY 09 Budget

The Executive Director will present a preliminary budget for FY 09 at the March meeting of the Board.

6. Closing Prayer at 10:02 pm.