

# Minutes, Board of Trustees

**April 23, 2018**

**Attending:** Mary Pat Fox, Anne Southwood, Margaret Roylance, Pat Gomez, Mike Ryan, Larry Mulligan. **Absent:** Phil Megna. **Also attending:** Donna Doucette.

**Opening Prayer:** Margaret read a prayer for our earth from *Laudato Si*.

**Welcome:** Mary Pat welcomed Pat's return to the Board.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2018 were approved.

**Grant Proposal:** Margaret explained that the Collaborative Inquiry Team, made up of herself, Rev. Bernard R. Bonnot, Rev. Dr. William A. Clark, S.J., Svea G. Fraser, Patricia M. Simpson and Donna, as VOTF liaison, presented to the Louisville Institute a timely filed grant proposal addressing Lay Spirituality and Servant Leadership in Parishes of the Future. A response is expected in May.

Margaret suggests that consideration of advancing this idea be considered even if the grant is not made.

**Financial Report:** Anne reviewed the situation at this point in FY18 and announced that we are well positioned to finish the year in significantly better shape than recent years. A concern around the slight decrease in the number of monthly on line donors and the associated reduction in that budget line was discussed and means to address it discussed.

**Executive Director's Report:** Donna address some aspects of the financial situation and focused on the convocation in October. Fr. Clark has confirmed his availability and willingness to adapt his presence as we request. There are 87 presently registered, of whom 80 are paying for attending, out of the 100 we originally estimated we needed. For now, only periodic reminders will be made, with a stronger push beginning closer to the gathering. We can now take more than originally planned because the facility has, without additional cost, made a larger room available, one which will also allow more space for exhibitors.

The options for AV and related expenses were covered. A recommendation will be made after further study.

**Financial Accountability Update:** Sandra Guynn is now a consultant on the project and is therefore no longer a trustee. Margaret and Mike addressed various aspects of their effort, which will include a comparison of financial accountability and transparency of the archdioceses, first, then the dioceses, for the years 2017 and 2018. Mike, Sandra and Bev Spencer are making the reviews which will result in the analysis and comparison charts.

The possibility of another study, suggested by Joe Finn, focusing on governance, was raised, and would involve a similar analysis of the self-audits made by each diocese.

**New Business:** Anne raised the need to add members, particularly in light of Phil's leaving the board soon. Various suggested additions and a process to vet them were considered.

**Closing Prayer:** Mary Pat lead the recitation of the Glory Be.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7 p.m., Monday, May 21, 2018.