

Voice of the Faithful

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2020

Attending: Mary Pat Fox, Pat Gomez, Joe Finn, Elia Marnik, Margaret Roylance, Michael P. Marnik and Donna Doucette, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Pat Fox, President.

The Executive Director delivered a report, including a discussion of the Conference. For the Conference, there were 131 paid attendees, of whom 90 attended most of the day's events. The Trustees completely considered the report, and asked many questions of the Executive Director, to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

Upon motion made by Joe Finn, duly seconded by May Pat Fox, it was unanimously voted: to proceed with the Governance project for at least the first year.

Margaret Roylance gave the report of the Financial Working Group, to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

The pilot review by the Protection of Children Working Group will probably be completed by January 2021. Twenty-five dioceses of various sizes will be assessed and compared. Some of the work might be performed by paid students as reviewers. A reviewers' guide will then be prepared, so that up to 177 dioceses may be surveyed by March 2021.

Joe Finn notes, under new business, his contacts with Catholic media, and his concern with transparency issues, and bishop accountability. Elia Marnik agreed to correspond with Anne Barrett Doyle, who

remains active with Bishop Accountability, and may be agreeable to cooperative efforts with VOTF.

At 8:44 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with a prayer, after allowance of a motion duly made and seconded.