

LI-VOTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING - APRIL 7, 2011

In Attendance: John Ryan, Patricia Paone, John Mulvey, Nancy Massaro, Philip Megna, and Kathleen Hartmann

Prayer: John Ryan

Vigil Committee

Kathleen Hartmann attended Vigil on first Sunday of the month and no evidence of any disrespectful conduct was witnessed.

Regional Meeting

Assignment of responsibilities for Sr. Joan Chittester's talk on April 15, 2011:

RECEPTION: **Pat Paone and Nancy Massaro**

WELCOMING: **John Ryan**

INTRODUCTION: **Pat Paone**

PUBLICITY: **Nancy Massaro** to contact Newsday, Bart Jones

John Mulvey will continue to update database of attendees and forward to Kathleen Hartmann and he will send check to Sr. Joan for **\$2,000.00** for her fee.

Letter from Bishop:

Letter received, dated March 7, 2011, from Bishop Murphy in response to LI-VOTF request to dedicate 12/26, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, to the clergy sex abuse victims. It appears from this letter that the Bishop did not understand that the original letter sent in December 2010 was directly from the LI-VOTF. This will need to be clarified in response to him. In this letter he also states that LI-VOTF is not a Catholic organization and a discussion took place how best to respond to this accusation. A formal response directly from the LI-VOTF is needed. **Further thought will need to take place.**

NEWSLETTER

The Board of Directors would like to create a newsletter to send to members. Articles for the newsletter were discussed:

1. Report on Sr. Joan Chittester's talk
2. Report on American Catholic Council
3. LI-VOTF correspondence with Bishop Murphy
4. Book ReviewPat Paone
5. Catholic League status as 501-3C....contributors...salaries...Phil Megna

MEMBERS DATA BASE

Mailings are being returned, 85 pieces to be exact. Kathleen Hartmann will attempt to obtain database and sort with the assistance of a computer literate volunteer to determine how best to update. Kathleen Hartmann will be in touch with Joan Bedosky and Judy Grillo.

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LI-VOTF would like to do this and the members of the Communication Committee will write something up for publication.

Next Board Meeting will be in May. Date to be determined.

Kathleen Hartmann, Secretary