# **MINUTES**



# **NACFLM Board Monthly Call**

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:30 PM EDT

Prayer by Mike

**WELCOME** to new Board members:

- Richard Budd is Diocesan Section Representative
- Pamela (Pam) Harris is African American Section Representative

## Administration

- Attendance: P = present A = absent
  - President Mike Day (P)
  - President-elect Jason Kidd (P)
  - Region I Mary Fay (P)
  - Region II Mary Fay (P)
  - Region III VACANT
  - Region IV Kathy Schmugge (P)
  - Region V and Treasurer- Elizabeth Reha (P)
  - Region VI and Secretary Socorro Truchan (P)
  - Region VII Elisa Tremblay (A)
  - Region VIII Maureen Otremba (A)
  - Region IX Adam Storey (P)
  - Region X VACANT
  - Region XI Edward (Ed) Hopfner (P)
  - Region XII Jay Wonacott (P)
  - Region XIII Jo Holt (P)
  - Diocesan Section Representative Richard Budd (P)
  - Parish Section Representative Roxanne Chumley (A)(new rep)
  - Hispanic/Latino Representative Jake Samour (P)
  - African American Representative Pamela (Pam) Harris (P)
  - USCCB Representative Julia Dezelski (A)
  - NACFLM Staff Susan Heider (P)
- o Approval of January 12, 2021 Minutes 1st motion by Adam 2nd by Mary

#### Reports

O **Update on Federation (FHFLM)** Jake gave a brief update. Ad hoc committee met on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Rodriguez (episcopal moderator) joined the virtual conversation, and stressed the importance of prayerful discernment as the process of this new federation unfolds. Goal to have core elements in place for beginning of the 2021 fiscal year. Question was brought up: A timeline for next steps in the process? Working on this in collaboration with the NACFLM Board, as it is a new initiative. This

- federation is for all who work with Hispanic families, and will impact everyone. Some discussion followed.
- Update on 2021 Conference Jason gave a brief update. Working with Julia (USCCB) and the Washington Retreat House in Washington DC (location). Looking for a week/date (TBC)

### New Business

- New Membership Directory (compiled by Susan) organized by Region Mike presented and led a conversation on the NACFLM Constitutional Amendment for region boundaries, particularly with Region 4 – which now spans from Maryland to Florida (Southeast) per USCCB regions. Working in collaboration with the USCCB, it helps to have NACFLM regions align with the USCCB regions, in order to promote stronger communications and consistency. Proposal was sent out a year ago, and will be officially presented for voting prior to next conference: Amendment to By-Laws which define how the regions are organized to align with the USCCB regions, and review every five years.
- NACFLM Awards (every other year) Two awards are given: 1- NACFLM Award, is given to a NACFLM member for outstanding service and dedication to family life ministry 2-NACFLM Recognition, is given to a NACFLM non-member, recognizing a group or entity outside of NACFLM for their work for families that is in alignment with what we are trying to do. Region Representatives are to bring this up with their region members, to encourage nominations from NACFLM membership.

NOTE: Nominations are to be sent to the NACFLM Secretary (Socorro)

- O MWF proposal Mike led this conversation. It is one of the most important offerings NACFLM has as an association. It is offered in English and in Spanish. Virtual versions are also successfully being offered over the past few months. A proposal (was emailed) from the Education and Formation Commission, after reviewing and making the program more cost effective. Some discussion followed. It was suggested that we invite them to join us at a Board member meeting and talk about MWF, and be able to answer questions by the Board.
- Vision and Mission Introduction only as it is a process to take place in the next few months. Mike presented and led a brief conversation on the results/feedback of a survey sent out in 2018. To review input in light of what we have done, looking ahead to the future. Board members to review the summary received (via email).
- Closing Prayer by Socorro
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021