

**Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
April 6, 2005•St. Isidore Parish Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>John Guth</b>	<b>Chuck Page</b>
	<b>Maureen Guth</b>	<b>Miriam Page</b>
	<b>Susan Burky</b>	<b>Flo Meyers</b>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Miriam reported all thank-you notes have been sent to recent contributors. Maureen called everyone who asked for more information on their donation form.

Patty Justus is willing to help Maureen get ready for the Fair by reviewing literature, etc.

A Woman's Friend will be opening a storefront thrift shop on Plumas Street in Yuba City where Friends of the Heart used to be.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:25 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by Chuck.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting of March 2, 2005, with no corrections. The Board decided to post the Meeting Summaries on the website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The current balance is \$1,727; all bills are paid, and we have a \$100 deposit to make; we are in good shape.

Several months ago we had discussed putting up a permanent billboard. Following discussion, it was determined that the first step will be to contact Sutter County to determine if there are any restrictions; Maureen agreed to do this. Once we can be assured that there are no legal obstacles, John will contact pro-life landowners who may have highway frontage. We also know contractors who may be willing to donate materials. We will also put a notice in St. Isidore's bulletin and in our newsletter soliciting landowners and contractors and requesting donations for this project.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Chuck has updated the website; a copy is attached to the original of these Minutes.

**WEB PAGE UPDATE:**

On average there are 28 daily visits to the website; the most frequently hit pages continue to be stem cells and frozen embryos. Of the top 20, Rachel's Youth for Life ministry is #13. There were over 900 visits for the month of March.

Chuck also indicated a problem that has arisen: Since the website was established, we have used a free internal site search engine (Atomz) that automatically indexes the website weekly and produces a report. When someone types a word in the key search box, they are directed to the appropriate page within the website. Atomz has now started including paid advertisements at the top of the page, which could make it appear to the web visitor that we endorse whatever product shows up. Unfortunately, a search on abortion brings up an ad that if clicked leads to a list of abortion providers; contraception directs the searcher to pharmaceutical sites that feature contraceptives, etc. Chuck will investigate other site search engines to solve this problem, and will find the lowest cost.

### **PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW INITIATIVE:**

Over 330 signatures were collected at St. Isidore Parish over the April 2/3 weekend. Many people had already signed-the petition was sent out in the Catholic Herald and there have been signature gatherers at shopping centers (e.g., Walmart). Apparently there are already more than enough signatures to take care of those that are invalid for various reasons.

### **YUBA-SUTTER AND COLUSA COUNTY FAIRS:**

Jennifer Hackney plans to do a RTL Fair Booth at the Colusa County Fair in early June and requested financial help (the total cost is \$200). Jennifer will ask the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Ladies Relief Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for donations to help recoup at least some of the cost, and will also turn over any donations collected at the fair. Chuck & Miriam will help Jeni with the training of volunteers, etc. It was agreed we will support this effort; John gave the Pages a check for \$200 made out to Colusa County Fair.

The Yuba-Sutter Fair is August 3 through 7. The fees (\$400, plus \$80 for Insurance) are paid. Our total cost including literature, bumper stickers, precious feet, etc., is probably around \$1,000 but we generally receive around \$300 in donations.

National Right to Life is selling white silicone "choose life" bracelets. Two members of YSRTL offered to donate bracelets to us to use at the Fair. We can ask for a \$1 donation.

It was suggested we advertise in the parish bulletin and in the Newsletter to solicit volunteers to work the fair.

### **BROCHURES:**

Following discussion, motion was m/s/c to purchase 100 each Before You Choose and Open Letter to My Girlfriend. We can place some in the vestibule at church and may use them on a limited basis at the Fair,

We still have 40 of the oldest and 67 of the second oldest Planned Parenthood brochures; these are definitely not appropriate for the Fair but we can use them at our presentations and for fair workers.

Our RTL brochure needs a change. It has the old email address at cwo.com. Maureen will work on putting a sticker over it.

St. Isidore's Director of Faith Formation is interested in the book "Angel in the Waters" and

wanted to have some available. We will buy 30 copies , donate one to the parish library with a sticker saying "Donated by YSRTL; if you want to purchase a copy contact the Faith Formation Director," and let her sell the rest. We can get them for as little as \$6 each. We will also inquire if there is a video we can buy and use at the Fair.

It was agreed we will buy 50 Love Matters.com and 100 How at Risk Are You? Other brochures we need are Abortion Breast Cancer link; euthanasia; post-abortion syndrome; an updated RU 486 brochure; Stem Cell cloning; Emergency Contraception. Motion was m/s/c for Maureen to review stock and order as she sees fit.

Miriam will order tie-die pens (300 for \$39.00) and will put the chastity highlights into a bookmark format.

The Question Box needs to be repaired. Miriam will re-do the question sheet so the answers align.

### **SPEAKERS BUREAU:**

We received a lot of compliments for our presentation on PP at last Sunday's Respect Life Coordinators meeting. Kathy Conner will give us feedback. Chuck will ask a member of the School Board to get a list of approved texts in the Yuba City School District to see if *It's Perfectly Normal* is included.

A 17-year-old from Folsom wants us to give a presentation to her youth group. Her mother has to tell parents what it is about and let parents sign off. We would also give a preview to parents.

The fetal models and the question box were used at the Sacramento Youth Fair April 2 and have been safely returned. They were both very popular.

At the Respect Life meeting we were given a book of pro-life Petitions for every Sunday Mass.

### **YOUTH FOR LIFE REPORT:**

Rachel was not present.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

The Newsletter went out in March.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Various items were shared, including Chuck's and Jennifer Hackney's letters to the Editor both printed within the last week.

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer led by John at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday May 4, St. Isidore Parish Hall**

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