

**Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 4, 2005•St. Isidore Parish Hall**

Present:

John Guth

Chuck Page

Maureen Guth

Miriam Page

Rebecca Vanspeybroeck

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen reported that she was contacted by a woman from Ohio who saw the June 2004 article in our Newsletter regarding the connection between Planned Parenthood and Girl Scouts of America. The information came from Concerned Women of America and STOPP (Stop PP). Maureen will advise her to check those websites for further information.

Maureen reported that each school in the Yuba City District does its own book procurement; she checked with school librarians to see if they have copies of "It's Perfectly Normal." To date she has learned the book is not at Barry School or Gray Avenue.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:11 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by John.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting of April 6, 2005, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The current balance is \$1,244.

BILLBOARDS:

At Oswald and Highway 99 by Richard's Tree Service there is a billboard that said "for rent." Maureen called the number and spoke with Fred, who told her they went through a process with the County, but the Board of Supervisors has discontinued any new billboards. They will allow a 4x8-foot board; the board for rent is \$1,000 a month. Maureen will continue to pursue the matter.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Chuck reported the website is up-to-date on both State and Federal bills; a copy is attached to the original of these Minutes. It looks like the Federal bill on notification that the unborn child feels pain may pass, and CIANA (Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act) has passed. The Right to Life constitutional amendment act is still sitting in committee.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

In a one-year overview, the highest number of hits was in October; through March, we are

averaging high 20s per day. The most-hit page is stem cell research, with 378 hits last month; next is legislation, with 72. The Minutes are now posted in an edited format that identifies projects.

YUBA SUTTER AND COLUSA FAIRS:

We are on a waiting list for a booth at Colusa and should know within a week or two if we get one. Jennifer Hackney plans to use the fetal models and game box. Training is currently scheduled for June 5; Chuck & May 4, 2005. Miriam will help Jennifer with it. Maureen will purchase new tablecloths; she will look for royal blue or red. The game box needs to be sealed. Maureen will follow up.

Miriam prepared two versions of the Why Chastity bookmark, with Abortion Q&A (from the box) on the reverse. The board preferred the Why Chastity side in portrait format, and the Q&A, landscape. Miriam will print 300 yellow or mint green. In addition to people who play the game, Rebecca suggested giving the bookmark to people who don't have time or are not inclined to stop at the booth.

Chuck suggested we buy an inexpensive DVD player and compile a video comprised of Window to the Womb, the pro-life ads, and anything else we want included; he will construct it to play in a loop. Miriam saw an ad in the paper for a DVD under \$30; she will try to get one.

Maureen ordered, received and was reimbursed for Before You Choose, Love Matters.com, Open Letter to my Future Husband/Wife, At Risk, and Angel in the Waters. Maureen will donate one copy to the Church library with a notation that a copy can be purchased by calling Maureen or through the website. The Board agreed to have Maureen order 50 each of the English and Spanish brochures on breast cancer and euthanasia and post-abortion syndrome for women from Hayes Publishing. They have a post-abortion men's brochure, but not in Spanish. We already have a lot of copies of Forgotten Fathers that we will use. Maureen also put new labels on our YSRTL brochures with the correct web address. Motion was m/s/c to order 200 babies; we will check to see if Jennifer needs any for the Colusa Fair. Maureen will also order bags.

It was suggested that having the brochures in stands instead of just laying on the table would make them more visible. Chuck and Miriam will pick up some stands to see if this helps. Maureen noted that people don't pick up a lot of literature anymore.

WALK FOR LIFE:

St. Isidore Parish had over 25 walkers and raised over \$5,000.

SPEAKERS BUREAU:

The presentation went very well. Kathy Conner sent us the evaluation summary, which is attached to the original of these Minutes.

John & Maureen gave a presentation to about 20 of St. Isidore's Confirmandi, ages 14 to 17. They used A Matter of Life and Death. The class was very attentive and made a number of good comments. Maureen talked to the principal of St. Isidore. Monday evening, May 17, will be a presentation for 8 th grade parents, followed on Tuesday at 1:15 to the students. Gneal

Trevethon borrowed our question box for a Ministry Sunday at St. Boniface in Nicolaus parish.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel will not be able to attend until July's meeting. She is making progress, has incorporated and made application for the 501c3 status. The official name of her organization is Youth for Life Alliance.

NEXT MEETING:

Following discussion, it was decided that we will continue the present meeting schedule of the first Wednesday each month for another six months. Miriam will make arrangements with the parish office.

NEWSLETTER:

Miriam already has sufficient information for the June Newsletter. She will print it on 8-1/2x14 paper so we can include more information.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Various items were shared, including a copy of an article about the March of Dimes that is attached to these Minutes.

CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer led by Chuck at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Page
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 1, St. Isidore Parish Hall

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