

**Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 5, 2005•St. Isidore Parish Hall**

Present: Maureen Guth

Miriam Page

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by Miriam.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting of September 7, 2005, with no corrections. It was noted that John and Maureen Guth had reviewed the Minutes before they left for Europe.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled.

BILLBOARDS:

Tabled.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Chuck reported the Governor vetoed the following:

- AB 849, the "Gay Marriage" bill.
- SB 18, the cleanup bill to put controls on embryonic stem cell research, which we supported.

The Governor signed:

- SB 116, the California Child Abandonment Bill. This makes permanent the law allowing mothers to surrender their newborns at designated spots, without question, which was to expire in 2006. Chuck noted that one of the groups that opposed this bill was the Bastard Nation.
- The Assembly Joint Resolution celebrating Roe v. Wade.
- SB 644, which allows a conscience clause for pharmacists. However, the pharmacist's employer must also have someone on duty or available immediately to provide the requested prescription.

On the Federal front, the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act is still in committee, and

hearings will probably not resume until November.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Miriam wondered whether or not it was worth posting our Minutes. Chuck checked the stats and found that those pages were visited 12-14 times per month.

Chuck reported that there were an average of 28 visits per day in September, with a total of 849, mostly people that had visited before. He is still unable to explain the August stats that showed a significant drop.

PROPOSITION 73 UPDATE:

Chuck met with Fr. Bong and gave him all the materials. Father indicated he wants any presentation on this to carry the face of the church, not YSRTL. Chuck will contact him and offer that YSRTL will pay for any materials he wants duplicated and distributed.

LIFE CHAIN & SAINTS GO MARCHING:

Miriam reported that around 140 people from St. Isidore, participated in the Life Chain last Sunday, including Fr. Bong, youths from the Confirmation class and the Youth Group. We think this is a record number.

John and Lucille Berg and Ralph Michel were the only parishioners who walked in Saints Go Marching October 1. A total of \$890 was collected at church the prior weekend.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel was unable to attend the meeting but talked to Chuck. She asked Chuck to do an update on her web page. She is sending the paperwork to the IRS.

NEWS ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:

In the materials we received at the Diocesan training was a 2-page document about Roe v. Wade. Miriam stated she would like to ask Fr. Bong if we can purchase some to use as an insert on Sanctity of Life Sunday in January. When we use the abortion Q&A box the majority of people still think abortion is only legal for the first three months and this insert would be an excellent educational tool. Miriam will check with Maureen as soon as the Guths return from Europe so we have plenty of time to order if Father approves. They are \$10 per 100.

CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 and closed with a prayer led by Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m.
St. Isidore Parish Hall

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