

**Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting
December 7, 2005•St. Isidore Parish Hall**

Present: **John Guth** **Chuck Page**
 Maureen Guth **Miriam Page**
 Judi Mallen

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:07 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 November 2, 2005, with no corrections.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

John reported our balance is \$1,220. Deposits totaled \$250. Expenses included \$300 to Viacom (space for 2 billboards). Maureen requested reimbursement for the papers for the billboards (\$409.35) and SOLS Inserts (\$111.57, 1000 copies of “Open Your Eyes”).

Miriam has not yet ordered the “Roe v. Wade” inserts for the literature rack but will do so.

Maureen reported that at the Banquet for AWF, she noted that St. Joseph’s Church is no longer listed as a supporting church for the Center.

BILLBOARDS:

Last month we had decided to put up one “If you’re pregnant it’s a baby” paper and one “Silent No More”. However, Viacom Representative Dave Moran’s boss felt the photo of the fetus on the “If you’re pregnant” paper is “too graphic.” Since we have no alternative to Viacom, Board members consulted by phone and email and decided not to press the issue, so we will use the “Silent No More” papers on both boards. The papers will go up the week of January 9.

SPECIAL PROJECT (SMALL BILLBOARDS):

We have not received any response to the notices in St. Isidore’s parish bulletin. We will run the item again, and will also put this in the December Newsletter. Judi will check with the Planning Dept to see if the Mallens can place this small board on their shop property.

Maureen will also check with Rogelio Martinez, who has an upholstery shop on Garden Highway to see if they own the building the business is in and if they would consider having the board on their property.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD INFLUENCE IN THE SCHOOLS:

We did this presentation December 4 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Colusa for about 10 Catechists. Two of the women noted how difficult the school district made it for them to try to keep their children out of sex ed classes, and the Pages will give Jennifer information on Pacific Justice Institute for the one who was unsuccessful in her attempt to keep her daughter out of the class. An Hispanic woman asked us to make our materials available in Spanish. Maureen appreciated the distribution of handouts one-by-one, rather than all at once.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Chuck reported during November we averaged 36 visits a day, which is the third highest number of the last year. The most frequently visited pages are stem cells (377) and frozen embryos (69), reflecting that these are still important issues. Chuck hopes it's students getting information for papers or debates. A look at the stats shows that the majority of people coming in were repeaters.

LEGISLATION UPDATE:

Chuck reported he has been receiving a rash of email updates from the legislative analyst's office. The second year of the two-year Legislative cycle resumes on January 4. Of the 15 bills we were monitoring this year three were passed and signed by the Governor: the prolife child abandonment bill, which took away the sunset clause; the joint resolution celebrating Roe v. Wade; and SB 644, allowing pharmacists to exercise their conscience and not dispense abortifacients (but they have to refer the patient to another pharmacy on duty or close by). It reduced the penalty that a pharmacist has to be locked up six months or less if they refuse to fill the prescription but kept a monetary penalty and the pharmacist cannot be retaliated against by the employer if he/she states his/her opinion prior to employment. The Governor vetoed the same sex marriage bill and the stem cell research cleanup bill that said hearings had to be public and monitored (the Governor felt it was over-regulatory). Bills coming up for hearing January through March include: AB 103 which says schools cannot keep health clinics that want to dispense condoms off campus; two euthanasia bills; a death penalty moratorium bill; the unborn child pain awareness act; and a bill to require abortionists to retain sufficient tissue from the baby when the patient is a minor to do DNA testing in case of possible prosecution.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY (January 22):

Maureen suggested we use basically the same announcement as last year; but would like help updating and re-wording it to perhaps make it briefer. She will get helpers to make announcements and collect gifts.

The Walk for Life West Coast is the day before SOLS, January 21. Mike & Kathy DeSantis are coordinating buses from the Sacramento area. Mike Gabhart would like to get enough people from this area to fill a bus. He also wants to put this in The Ambassador, the CBA paper. It was suggested we ask Cliff Petersen if he could coordinate getting a bus from this area.

The California ProLife Council breakfast, Mass and rally at the capitol will be January 24. These events, as well as the Walk, should be publicized as soon as possible to give people time to plan. We can put announcements in the church bulletin and posters in the vestibule of the church.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel was unable to attend the meeting. Judi reported that Rachel's group is doing a two-year Bible Study; Dale Walker from St. Joseph and two women from the diocese are helping with this.

NEWSLETTER:

The Christmas Newsletter was reviewed. Miriam will make changes and get it to the printer early next week.

NEWS ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Maureen has a new brochure on RU-486 from Frontline Publishing. Chuck was not sure if it is appropriate for the vestibule, but it would be good information for fair booth volunteers and for the booth. Maureen will order 50 copies. She noted she has replenished the displays in the vestibule and that quite a few of the stem cell brochures get picked up.

Miriam will reserve the conference room for the first Wednesday each month.

Maureen requested Chuck to add a link for abstinencefirst.org to the website; this is Project Reality's abstinence education website. She will give information on it to Rachel's group. According to the website, 93% of teens feel they should be given a strong message about abstinence. There are a number of other good quotes on the website and Miriam was asked to try to fit some of them into the Newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 7 p.m.
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