Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee Minutes of Board Meeting January 4, 2006•St. Isidore Parish Hall

Present: John Guth Chuck Page

Maureen Guth Miriam Page

Rachel Williams (present for part

of meeting)

Maureen reported that she has restocked the YSRTL brochure holders in the vestibule at St. Isidore church. Miriam has reserved the conference room for the balance of the year for our meetings. Information on the Pro-Life Rally and the Walk for Life West Coast has been posted in the vestibule of the church. Maureen will order the RU 486 brochures from Frontlines.

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2005, meeting with no corrections.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The balance is \$2,220 after paying for the billboards (\$520), newsletter expenses, and AWF donation. We received some very generous year-end contributions, and all thank-you notes have been sent.

The annual fee for the Post Office box is the only bill due this month. John reimbursed Miriam for the Roe v. Wade information sheets, which we will put in the literature display at St. Isidore's.

We will need more stickers for the Fair and Heritage House has a sale. Following discussion, it was agreed Maureen will purchase 500 of the Celebrate Life stickers for \$29.

PRO-LIFE MASSES:

Following discussion, it was decided to continue the monthly pro-life masses. However, we will change the intention to "all victims of abortion." John gave Miriam a check for one Mass per month through October.

FIRST COMES LOVE:

One More Soul has a new tabloid, "First Comes Love." We will order 100 copies and give half to the Marriage Preparation team, and place the balance in the vestibule of the church. They would also be appropriate when the topic comes up in RCIA.

SPECIAL PROJECT/Small Billboard:

We have not had any response to our ads either in the Parish Bulletin or in our Newsletter. Judi has not yet checked on the zoning of their property. John talked with Rogelio Martinez, who said they do own the building their shop is in. Maureen will call Walter Berg to see if he can help. In the meantime, Maureen will place another notice in the bulletin. We will also put a notice in the next newsletter soliciting someone to take on this project, and Maureen asked everyone to keep this intention in their prayers.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

A number of years ago we had a general membership meeting. The Board briefly discussed the possibility of having another one to try to increase active participation of members. This will be put on the agenda for our next meeting.

LETTER TO NORTH VALLEY DEANERY:

Chuck drafted a letter for Maureen's signature about Mike Gabhart's ministry. Maureen will make revisions/edits, and get it ready to send. We will also send a copy to Kathy Conner at the Diocese Respect Life office.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

The bill for the annual server charge should come in February (\$218.95); Chuck was not sure whether or not the domain name has to be renewed this year.

Chuck reported that for about \$300, he can buy a new search engine for the RTL and parish websites, with multiple licenses, that will solve the problem of inappropriate advertisements appearing when someone does a keyword search. St. Isidore is reimbursing him for that website, and the Board agreed to reimburse him for the RTL website. The company will do the installation onto the servers, and we will be able to get monthly reports.

The average number of visits dropped from 36 in November to 29 in December. For the year there were 10,259 individual addresses visiting; last year it was about 8,000.

Stem cell research continues to be the most visited page. It was suggested that our next Newsletter include an article about the website, how many people visit, and which pages.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Maureen has prepared the announcements for all the Masses; she has a call in to Becky to get the number of women helped and how many used the medical services so we can include that information. Pages are handling the 5 pm Saturday Mass and Maureen is working on getting helpers for the shower and to make the announcements at the other Masses. The bulletin inserts have been delivered. Maureen will let Sandra know that we are willing to help stuff the bulletins and tape in the inserts since they are slick. Maureen also talked to Gneal to find out specifically what items the center particularly needs.

We have been publicizing the West Coast Walk for Life (January 21, San Francisco) and the Rally for Life (January 24, Sacramento) via posters in the vestibule and announcements in the bulletin.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel has gone back to substitute teaching and has not had as much time to devote to pro-life work as she would prefer. During the Christmas season her brother Joseph was home and they were able to give a chastity presentation to St. Joseph's CCD classes, about 80 to 90 youths. She primarily uses chastity materials from Jason and Kristal Evert and hopes to do more pro-life information classes in the future.

She reported that a parishioner from St. Isidore told her that his daughter and a friend saw Rachel picketing and as a consequence the friend decided not to have an abortion. Another man told them that once he found out the truth about PP, he decided he will no longer support them. Another woman on her way to Planned Parenthood saw Rachel, got information on A Woman's Friend, and went there instead.

Rachel is anticipating giving more chastity information to schools and CCD classes, and getting more people involved in picketing

The IRS has received her packet but she has not heard if her 501c3 application has been approved.

Maureen asked Rachel to encourage Fr. Copsey to again have St. Joseph parish make a regular contribution to AWF, as do St. Isidore, St. Daniel, St. Joseph Lincoln, St. Boniface, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady of Lourdes. She might also point out to him that we have a Catholic on the Board, and suggest that he call Becky if he needs more information about the center; Maureen is also willing to talk to him. Fr. Copsey has okayed Rachel being the Respect Life Coordinator for St. Joseph's, and Maureen offered her some of the inserts we purchased for SOLS.

Maureen also asked if Rachel has been putting announcements in the St. Joseph Bulletin and offered her copies of the notices we have been placing. She can also go to the web and download the flyers for the San Francisco Walk and the Rally in Sacramento.

NEWSLETTER:

Maureen will check with PIP to see if they printed any extra copies of the Newsletter. We received several nice comments about it.

CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a prayer led by Chuck and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 7 PM, St. Isidore Parish Hall

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