

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
475 D So Barrett, Yuba City CA 95991
March 1, 2006**

**PRESENT: Mike Gabhart
John Guth
Maureen Guth**

**Chuck Page
Miriam Page**

Because no one had a key to the Parish Hall, the meeting was moved to the Guth's home.

Maureen reported she has restocked the prayer cards and brochure holders in the church vestibule. She also found a box of *Love Matters* and put some in the vestibule.

John Berg called Maureen and asked about the National ProLife Alliance, stating that according to National RTL they do very little pro-life work and were opposed to Alito. We will check out the information and if this is accurate will include it in our Newsletter.

Miriam requested that the Masses in reparation for abortion be said the first Monday each month; the first one was in February.

We have not had a response to our letter to the Deanery. It was suggested we contact Kathy Conner at her new job and ask, based on her experience and knowledge, if it is worth calling them.

Maureen sent a thank-you letter to Fr. Kiernan at the Diocese for the grant.

A Woman's Friend Walk for Life is May 6 and the banquet is October 21.

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:30 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by John.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2006, meeting with no corrections.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The balance is \$2,768. John reimbursed Pages for the additional *First Comes Love* tabloids and Web expenses for the annual server cost and half the cost of the new search engine (the parish is paying the other half because it is used for both sites). Maureen will order 100 copies (\$20) of the *Grief of Contraception* from Priests for Life.

LETTER & DVD FOR ST. ISIDORE STUDENTS:

Chuck will revise the DVD of recent pro-life events for Judi to share with AWF; they want to show it at their banquet.

Maureen will send the letter and a copy of the DVD to the students who participated in the West Coast Walk for Life. John will help her draft a letter to Principal Chris Reyna to encourage his continued

enthusiasm. She will get the names and addresses of the students from Susan Burky. Chuck will let Maureen know when the DVD is finished.

Bill Ollar shared his pictures from the Walk at a Christian Business Alliance meeting and thanked the Catholic community for providing the bus. He encouraged individuals to go to their own churches and get their own buses next year. Lou Binninger is on-board with this and thinks Glad Tidings will hire a bus next year.

Mike reported he did his presentation February 16 at Cornerstone. Five pastors came, including Fr. Paul from Lincoln, who was very favorably impressed and wants to do something in his area. Mike will follow-up with Fr. Paul. Fr. Bong was unable to attend. Mike will let us know any other dates that get set up.

SPECIAL PROJECT/SMALL BILLBOARDS:

John talked to Yuba County Public Works; they apparently don't have any interest or concern about small billboards. He will contact the Planning Department; the person in charge of signs was not there, but so far it appears the County may not have any signage restrictions. In Sutter County permanent signs are not allowed, but signs can be put up periodically for 30 days maximum. This would give us the opportunity to put one up in January (to commemorate Roe v. Wade); May (Mother's Day) and October (Respect Life Month), and perhaps other occasions.

Heritage House 76 and VictoryOne both have 4x8 vinyl banners at reasonable cost. Following discussion, it was decided Maureen will make copies of available signs so everyone can look them over and get opinions from other people. Maureen also asked everyone to pray about this project.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Chuck reported that according to the January report, we had the second highest number of hits during the last 12 months, perhaps because of all the respect life activities going on. The most visited page was stem cells, followed by partial birth abortion. Mike's name has been added as a Board Member and we have links to Silent No More and the Walk for Life West Coast.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

All bills had to be in by February 24. Berg and Levine are ready to move AB 651 (assisted suicide), trying to play off the recent Supreme Court decision about the assisted suicide law in Oregon, and the bill may pass this time. The bill on homosexual marriage was pulled out of committee by Mark Leno.

Chuck followed up on the telephone message from Assemblyman Rick Keene. His aide Steve Thompson originally called to see if we were going to the prayer breakfast and if so, if we wanted to sit at their table. The aide reported Mr. Keene is very supportive of the pro-life movement, and asked us to keep in touch with him if there is any way they can help. Chuck gave him the link to our website. Last week Chuck read in the paper that Mr. Keene was supporting the Susan G. Komen (SGK) Foundation. Chuck e-mailed Mr. Keene that YSRTL was very disappointed at this and gave him links to pro-life sites documenting that SGK doesn't do research but is just a pass-through organization that gives grants to, among others, Planned Parenthood, and ignores the abortion/breast cancer link. Steve Thompson called back to follow-up and said sometimes politicians have to do things they are not comfortable about, and he was also not fully aware of the activities of the SGK Foundation. If nothing else, maybe the information will prick his conscience.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The meeting will be Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m. Maureen will arrange for the use of the parish hall. We will have coffee, punch and cookies for refreshments. We will first summarize what we are doing, then Mike and his heroines will speak. We will change the topic title from post-abortion syndrome to abortion hurts women. For publicity, Pages will prepare a handout to place in the parish bulletin; Chuck will prepare a press release; Miriam will compose a letter to be sent to the membership as well as local churches; and we will also publicize it in the upcoming Newsletter.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel was unable to attend the meeting. She told Maureen Fr. Copsy thinks it is appropriate to support AWF.

NEWSLETTER:

The newsletter was reviewed. Miriam will incorporate the suggestions, make revision and get it mailed. Miriam and Maureen have gone over the mail list and made corrections.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Miriam.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday March 1, 2006