

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore Parish Hall
June 7, 2006**

**PRESENT: Mike Gabhart Mary McIntyre
 John Guth Chuck Page
 Maureen Guth Miriam Page**

Maureen welcomed our visitor Mary McIntyre.

Maureen has restocked the brochure holders, the prayer cards and LoveMatters.com in the vestibule.

On May 2 Maureen took the thank-you letters she wrote and the DVDs of the Walk for Life West Coast that Chuck prepared to principal Chris Reyna to distribute to the students who attended the Walk. Maureen will give Miriam the list of students for the record. Maureen will also get a copy of the DVD to Judi Mallen for AWF Board to preview and perhaps use at the Fall banquet.

The last Newsletter from AWF reflected “showers of blessings layettes” received from St. Isidore parish and St. Joseph’s confirmation class among others. Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa selected Vivian Hoffart, development director of AWF, as Woman of the Year.

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 April 5, 2006, meeting with the following correction: Under **TREASURER’S REPORT:** delete the following sentence from the fifth paragraph, “Chuck will check with Father Polycarp to see if the Lincoln Church is in the St. Isidore Deanery.”

Chuck asked instead that the record reflect that after the March meeting, he checked with the Diocese and found that Father Polycarp’s parish (St. Joseph in Lincoln) is in the American River Deanery, not the same one as St. Isidore (North Valley Deanery).

Maureen will follow up with Fr. DeLeon on the letter we sent earlier this year.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

During the month we made two deposits (\$175 and \$215) and spent \$484 for fair space and insurance. One gift of \$40 was received in memory of Chuck’s dad. The balance is \$1,528. Chuck was given a \$20 check to cover the expenses of making the Walk for Life West Coast dvds.

SPECIAL PROJECTS/SMALL BILLBOARDS:

The Mallens chose the banner that says “One heart stops, another heart breaks.” Maureen will order two of them tomorrow (\$165/each) and use the other on Gary Arlington’s Highway-70 frontage fence. Maureen passed around photos showing the Arlingtons’ property.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Chuck reported that in May there were 32 visits per day, considerably fewer than March's 46. The two top pages were partial birth abortion and legislation; other popular pages were frozen embryos, stem cell research, the grand jury report, and the quarterly newsletters.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The web page has been updated; August 31 is the final date for legislation to be acted upon. Chuck reported on the following important anti-life bills:

AB 651—Assisted Suicide, Assemblymembers Levine (D) and Berg (D): Will be heard in the Senate sometime between June 4 and June 28. This was the bill that was manipulated through the Assembly as a different subject then gutted and presented to the Senate.

AB 1056—Public school curriculum: tolerance and intergroup relations instruction, Chu (D): this bill requires that the history and social studies public school curriculum provide for instruction that promotes the acceptance of homosexual behaviors. This bill has already been passed in the Assembly and is now in the Senate.

SB 1437—School Instruction, Kuehl (D): This bill directs the school governing boards to include instructional material in the social studies curriculum that includes and identifies people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender who have contributed to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America. This bill does not allow for parents to opt their children out of this instruction.

COLUSA FAIR:

The Colusa fair is this Thursday through Sunday. Chuck and Miriam did the Fair Workers training Monday night for about 20 people, with three of them new this year. We purchased a 3x5-foot vinyl banner (white with blue block lettering) for \$87 that can probably also be used for other occasions. Jennifer Hackney was again unable to get sufficient extra passes for fair workers, so when the workers leave they drop off their passes at Jeni's house (a block from the Fairgrounds). The Colusa Fair Board requires that the booth remain open until midnight each night. Miriam revised the back of the map, adding two charts: comparing war deaths with abortion numbers, and deaths from major causes with deaths from abortion (copy attached to the minutes).

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

The Fair Workers evening will be by July 27. Maureen will review our brochure supplies; she requested and was granted permission to purchase whatever is needed. Our YSRTL banner is deteriorating and we will use the banner Maureen is ordering for the Mallen's property (as it can only be displayed intermittently there). Miriam will order pens.

This year's theme is Wonderland of Fun, and the cover letter from the Fair Board invites all booths to decorate and compete for first place. We most likely will not participate in this. Other suggestions were to focus on the product, not the name, and ideas for table layout.

Chuck and Miriam will be gone July 5, which would ordinarily be our next meeting. We will cancel that and have a lunch meeting to finalize fair planning.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The meeting April 30 went very well, with about 30 people attending. Maureen thanked Mike for a job well-done. We kept pretty much to the timeline, and a lot of people lingered afterward for a while; there was particular interest in the book "Forbidden Grief." The Board reviewed the evaluation forms that were completed and are attached to these Minutes. We will check the list of attendees against our mail list. Chuck volunteered to report back to the Pastoral Council; John and Maureen will prepare a summary for this purpose. The summary will also be added to the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER:

The Board reviewed what was prepared so far, and Miriam asked for suggestions. As noted above, we will add the summary of the General Membership meeting and the legislative information. If there is additional space, Miriam will use articles from the items Maureen gave her. The target completion date is June 20.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel was unable to attend, but Maureen talked to her and typed up a list of activities, which is attached to the original of these Minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Chuck reported on an encounter with a St. Isidore parishioner who tried to argue in favor of abortion.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam Page, Secretary

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 7 p.m., St. Isidore Parish Hall