

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

St. Isidore Parish Hall

March 7, 2007

PRESENT: Mary Anne Brayton, John Guth, Maureen Guth, Mike Gabhart, Chuck Page, Miriam Page

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:20.m. and opened with a prayer led by Mike.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen noted she appreciated having the addendum of legislation and the legislative calendar as attachment to the January Minutes. She reported she has restocked the RTL displays in St. Isidore's vestibule. Chuck gave John the CD with the phone call regarding our billboard ad that was rejected; John will contact Pacific Justice Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2007 meeting with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported the balance is \$2,024. We paid \$160 to the postal service for our permit since the last meeting. We received end-of-year acknowledgements of our contributions to A Woman's Friend (\$275), St. Isidore (\$200) and Young Life (\$250). Maureen requested reimbursement of \$25.53 for the stem cell research paper. The host server fee is due; it is charged automatically on Chuck's credit card; he will verify the amount (around \$200) and submit request for reimbursement. Mike was reimbursed \$100 for the bus deposit; we need to reconcile the books in regard to the bus rental.

BILLBOARDS:

Maureen has been unable to reach Gary Arlington, but as far as she knows the vinyl banner is still up on his fence, as is the Mallen's sign by their shop. Maureen asked Board members to think about other locations we could put up banners.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Chuck reported that on average there were 27 visits per day to the website; the highest number of visits in one day was 47. Several days there were over 140 pages visited. Most frequently visited were legislation; stem cell research; fair booth; Planned Parenthood information; Sutter County Grand Jury; partial birth abortion; Newsletter; NFP; Life Links; Minutes. Search strings included bone marrow; stem cells; fat cells; pba; last bulletin; NFP; life links; adult stem cells; regrown organs; abortion clinics near Palmdale; 9 or 10 times people were looking for Minutes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Chuck reported the website has been updated to reflect all current actions; he distributed copies printed from the website and a copy is attached to the original of these Minutes. Especially notable is AB16, which would require any girl going into the 7th grade to receive the HPV immunization. The AMA and pediatricians are against this, in part because children are not going to have sex at school. The manufacturer, Merck, has also backed off because of political pressure.

STEM CELL UPDATE:

Mary Anne gave a brief report on the prolife breakfast, rosary Mass and rally on January 22. Wesley Smith was the speaker.

Mary Anne reported that the website for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (www.cirm.ca.gov/) is updated daily to reflect what is going on. CIRM was created as a result of Proposition 71 to oversee funding of grants and research. The Court recently decided Prop 71 was not unconstitutional, but this decision is expected to be appealed. There is \$45 million currently allocated for research; the website lists all projects funded. Two researchers at Davis got grants and the University is re-doing a whole lab to accommodate the research.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:

This item was tabled to the next meeting. In the meantime Mary Anne will try to arrange an appointment with Fr. Bong.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2007:

Mike had given a presentation for the CCD class in January, which went well but unfortunately did not generate any participation.

There were four buses from Yuba City; we had about 40 people on our bus, including 6 or 7 kids from St. Isidore; Glad Tidings, Cornerstone and EV Free churches each had one bus. Next year we will also try to find people from Nazarene and Crossroads to add more buses from this area

A WOMAN'S FRIEND/SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Maureen reported that we collected \$1,090 cash for A Woman's Friend and "tons of clothing." We received a thank you note from Becky. Four people signed up to receive information on becoming volunteers. Maureen noted that Ed McCauliff is an ultrasound repairman and offered to do repairs for AWF; she has passed that information on to Becky.

AWF Walk for Life is May 5; Maureen is looking for someone to head it up for St. Isidore.

Last year's Baby Bottle Boomerang for the center raised \$22,000.

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

Maureen received and filled out the application for the Yuba-Sutter Fair; no money is required at this point. She asked everyone to give a lot of thought to which materials to use, as each year it seems fewer pieces of literature are picked up. Next month she will bring the brochures we use for everyone's review. We will also look for a 4-D ultrasound video. The National Geographic video is 50 minutes and we need something a lot shorter to catch people's eye as they walk by. We can check on the internet for the G.E. commercial. Maureen will call Tim Mallen and ask him to re-do the box.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel reported she and her brother Joseph have joined a very orthodox young adult Catholic life group in Sacramento. Fr. Octavio of the Legionaries of Christ brings in pro-life speakers, and at each meeting they advocate praying at abortion clinics.

Another girl is trying to start a Catholic pro-life group; Rachel has given her a lot of materials.

Rachel has been spending a lot of time writing to people, trying to get them actively involved. At Christmas, she and her group took gift bags into abortion clinics with gifts for the mothers and babies; they gave out 50 or 60 and had some good conversations with people. She got the idea from the Survivor's group.

She has been preparing for chastity and prolife talks at St. Isidore and St. Joseph's, going through the

CCD and Confirmation teachers. She still goes out to the Freeway and to Planned Parenthood here in town four to five hours a week. She has not yet talked to Fr. Joe about a shower at St. Joseph's, but plans to meet with him soon. It was suggested she encourage interest in St. Joseph having a bus to San Francisco next year; the Caputos and Sara Sullivan were suggested as possible helpers.

NEWSLETTER:

Miriam had only a couple articles written for the Newsletter and asked for additional items. She will incorporate other news and email a draft to everyone. Her target date for completion is March 14.

MISCELLANEOUS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Members shared various items of interest, including an article from a recent Time magazine report on pregnancy centers which contained a map we may use for the Fair. It was noted that the statistics were from Alan Guttmacher, with the latest information from 2000. Sunday's Appeal Democrat had an op-ed piece by Tibor Machan that we need to respond to. Chuck will put together some bulleted information.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Page, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4

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