

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
St. Isidore Parish Hall  
June 6, 2007**

**BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**Mary Anne Brayton**

**Chuck Page**

**John Guth**

**Miriam Page**

**Maureen Guth**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Sol Cranfill**

**Harry Wilkinson**

**Sam Wakim**

**Marilyn Wilkinson**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Maureen welcomed our guests and made introductions.

Maureen reported she restocked the RTL displays in St. Isidore's vestibule. She noted that there does not seem to be much movement of literature.

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:**

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2007 meeting with no corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

John reported we have \$1,752 in bank; all bills are paid except brochures ordered today. Fair booth rental is \$435, and we still have to pay the \$84 insurance, which has to be paid by money order. Our last deposit was \$205, and John has a couple hundred to be deposited.

**BILLBOARDS:**

Maureen reported she is looking for more locations to post pro-life vinyl banners. She spoke with Judi Mallen, who has one on the gate at Mallen's Automotive on Stabler Lane. Judi suggested contacting Terry Brown who owns A-1. John will follow up. Harry suggested asking churches to put them up. He had considered putting one on his pickup, but since they live in the country off the beaten path, it would not get exposure.

Maureen also spoke with Gary Arlington; he had considered posting a second message on his property along Highway 70 north of Marysville, but decided against it as it might be distracting to drivers to have two messages. In the almost one year since the banners were posted, neither the Arlingtons nor the Mallens have had any complaints, only positive comments.

Maureen contacted Dave Moran at CBS Outdoor. She again got the feeling he was not interested in our business, and stated that they only do public service, non-profit programs for organizations that do not have a belief system; he will send her their policy. Maureen told Dave that she wants to submit the

billboard, and will put “public service message” in the subject line. She noted there is a new billboard available, “Prolife: a radical idea that babies are people.” Miriam suggested we might also look into Stott, which has bus-stop advertising.

### **WEB PAGE UPDATE:**

Chuck reported we averaged 24 visits per day, with a high of 73 on Saturday, May 5, which was the date of AWF Walk for Life. Chuck took pictures at the Walk and posted them. The top ten pages hit were frozen embryos; directory of life links; fair booth; Walk for Life 2006; stem cell research; legislation; our last Newsletter, NFP; PBA; and Brave New World page (what’s going on in U.S. re Life Issues). The most frequently used portals were Yahoo, Google, Ask Jeeves, and Microsoft Search. We were also reached from the St. Isidore website, Priests for Life; and Our Lady of Lourdes parish website. Key word searches included frozen embryos, frozen egg embryos and variations; fair booth; abortion clinics in Palmdale and Lancaster; adult stem cells; CA child abandonment; God’s will vs. in vitro; how long frozen; pastors for life; Sheila Kuehl; Susan G. Komen; and Walk in Yuba City.

In April we averaged 26 visits; so far this month, we have averaged 31 visits per day.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Chuck reported the website’s legislative page is up-to-date on both state and federal legislation. He distributed copies of his update, which is attached to these Minutes as an Addendum. During the discussion it was noted that locally, we do have an opt-in policy for sex education classes, but by law, all schools can release students for confidential medical services.

### **STEM CELL UPDATE:**

Mary Anne reported the most significant thing that happened since our last meeting is that the group which opposed Prop 71 who had filed a lawsuit for rehearing lost their case, and State law precludes their going to the U.S. Supreme Court, so this is pretty much “a done deal.” To date over \$208 million has been distributed (out of \$3 billion authorized). UC Davis is challenging the patents held by the University of Wisconsin on the basis they are based on mouse cell lines. She requested that Chuck place a link to the CIRM on our website.

### **RACHEL’S REPORT:**

Maureen reported Rachel and her fiancé are doing pro-life presentations to schools.

### **YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:**

Maureen reported that she has ordered the brochures, as discussed last month, in both Spanish and English where they are available. She made substitutions of similar material where needed. We will use the map from the recent Time magazine article dealing with pregnancy resource centers. Tim Mallen will have the Q&A box repaired by the end of June. Maureen noted this will be our 28th year at the Fair and that it provides an opportunity for pro-life education. The Wilkinsons indicated an interest in working the booth, and Mary Anne requested a Saturday or Sunday shift.

Sam noted that he had seen the pro-life booth at a recent fair in Butte County. Maureen reported that in the past they had used our fetal models but have now purchased their own.

Carol Everett has a new brochure, "What I saw in the abortion industry," on how abortion is marketed, with no graphic. Following discussion it was decided this would be a good training brochure for the Fair workers and we will order 50 English and 25 Spanish. We will purchase a new 16"x20" poster for the rear wall of the booth, and ask the Frame Shop to mount it. Maureen asked members to choose from five posters, and it was decided to use "The future is in our hands." Maureen has not yet purchased the tablecloths. As for the banner, John reported that the back-of-the-booth banner is considerably wider than the Walk for Life banner, so we may decide to just have two made, one in each size.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Miriam distributed copies of the Newsletter draft, which has room for several more articles. John will look for information on offensive court cases. We will include a promo for fair workers. If more items are needed we can use reasons for abortions.

During the month Miriam had come across a pro-life cartoon by John Borra. She requested and was granted permission to reproduce it in the Newsletter. Motion was m/s/c to give John a free-will offering in the amount of \$50.

### **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:**

Harry and Marilyn Wilkinson came to the meeting in response to an invitation from Mike Gabhart. Sam and Sol found out about the meeting through the Appeal.

Maureen read a letter she received from Janet Niemeyer (Caring for Women Pregnancy Center in Oroville). She felt the last line was good point on which to end the meeting: "Multiplied by hundreds of Centers across the nation, one by one, God is there helping women through the Centers."

Our next scheduled meeting falls on the Fourth of July. We will move it to Thursday, July 5. Maureen will check with the office and schedule the room, and we will notify The Ambassador and the Appeal-Democrat and put a notice in St. Isidore's bulletin.

### **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam Page, Secretary

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 5**

## **LEGISLATIVE ADDENDUM TO MINUTES, JUNE 2007**

### **Federal Cloning Bill:**

Hoping to schedule a quick pro-cloning vote on the sly, Rep. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.) introduced a bill in the waning hours of yesterday's session in an attempt to slip the issue past pro-lifers. The legislation, falsely titled the "Human Cloning Prohibition Act," is nothing more than a veiled attempt to "clone and kill." Although DeGette insisted that the bill bans human cloning, the reality is that it expressly

sanctions the cloning of human embryos for destructive research--something that countries such as Canada, France, Germany, and Italy have completely banned. Among other things, DeGette's bill would encourage paying women for their eggs, which exploits the poor of America and puts females at risk of infertility and even death. Since the bill was brought up on the Suspension Calendar, no amendments can be offered, and the rules dictate that only 40 minutes will be allotted for debate. Although DeGette is using transparent political maneuvers to advance human cloning, we commend President Bush for his leadership on the issue. Earlier this morning, the White House released a statement reminding members of Congress that the administration "unequivocally oppose[s] all forms of human cloning." The President promises to be equally resolute on tomorrow's stem cell vote. Despite President Bush's assurance that he will continue vetoing bills that expand funds for embryonic stem cell research, House leaders insist on political theater by scheduling yet another vote on the subject. Although the embryonic stem cell bill is certain to pass, it will be largely symbolic considering the President's clear intention to deploy his veto pen.

### **Increase in Medi-Cal Funding of Secret Abortions for Minors**

Buried in the minutiae of California's \$103.8 billion budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 is a \$20 million increase in funding for "Medi-Cal Minor Consent," the state-funded program that covers secret abortions for girls as young as 12 years old. According to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's May 14 revision to the budget, the increase is needed "due to loss of federal financial participation for a portion of the program." Why the loss of federal dollars? Because California refuses to comply with federal requirements that Medi-Cal beneficiaries provide proof of who they are and where they're from. "To protect the ability of minors to access pregnancy services, the state will not enforce [Deficit Reduction Act] citizenship and identification requirements for minors independently seeking services," said the governor's May budget revision. The \$20 million is needed to make up for the loss of federal funding as a consequence of the state's decision.

### **Physician Assisted Suicide**

Supporters of physician-assisted suicide in California are worried that their latest effort to bring legalized euthanasia to the state may fall victim to well-organized opposition from the Catholic Church. The bill, AB-374, called the "Death with Dignity Act" by its sponsors, was approved 10-5 by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 31, and will now go to the full Assembly, which must act by June 8. "We anticipated that AB 374 would pass out of the Appropriations Committee, but we don't believe the authors have the votes to get it off the Assembly Floor at this time," says an update on the measure posted on the web site of the California Catholic Conference.

### **AB 16: Pupil Immunizations:**

Passed Assembly Appropriations 5/31 on Assembly Floor to 3rd reading June 8.

AB 16 requires all minors be vaccinated in accordance with the annual Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. This federal government bureaucracy has already recommended the controversial HPV vaccination for girls as young as 11. AB 16 will remove legislative oversight of mandatory immunizations and place it in the hands of a state government bureaucrat: the State Public Health Officer, appointed by the governor. Citizens will have no means of stopping certain vaccinations from becoming mandatory because the legislature is removed from the process.

**AB 34: Umbilical Cord Blood:** Passed Assembly June 4 to Senate Rules.

**AB 43: Homosexual Marriages:** Passed Assembly June 5 to Senate Rules.

**AB 81: Child Protection: Safe Surrender:** On Assembly Floor for 3rd Reading.

**AB 374: Physician Assisted Suicide:** Passed Assembly Appropriations to Assembly Floor 3rd Reading on June 8.

**AB 1511:** Sexual Health Public Education: Passed Assembly Floor June 5 to Senate Rules.

**SB 11:** Domestic Partnerships - Homosexual Marriages: Passed in Senate June 4 to Assembly Floor for 1st Reading.

**SB 621:** Pupil Services: Confidential Medical Services: Parent Notification: Now amended that it can be included in same mailing on same form, just a different font and bold face.