

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore Parish Hall
July 5, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mary Anne Brayton
Mike Gabhart
John Guth**

**Maureen Guth
Chuck Page
Miriam Page**

GUESTS PRESENT:

**Mary Hunt
Tiffeney Lawrence**

**Ronda Putman
Harry Wilkinson**

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen welcomed our guests and made introductions.

Maureen reported she restocked the RTL displays and Love Matters in St. Isidore's vestibule. She noted that within the next year the Post Office will be offering more online services we can take advantage of, such as checking our balance and transferring funds into our account. Although there was a rate increase, there was no appreciable cost increase to mail the latest Newsletter.

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Chuck opened the meeting with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2007 meeting with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Because John was arriving late to the meeting, Maureen reported on his behalf. This is the most active time of the year financially because of the Fair. With all expenses paid, we have a balance of \$936.81. Expenditures over the last month included \$84 for fair booth insurance; \$50 check to John Borra; Newsletter postage, \$76.41; PIP printing, \$190; our contribution to AWF; Life Cycle Books for Fair supplies, \$58; Hayes Publishing, \$145; reimbursement to Guths for other fair supplies, \$382 plus \$22.90 for the posters. We deposited \$220. We received a thank-you note from John Borra, which is attached to the original of these Minutes.

BILLBOARDS:

Maureen again spoke with Dave Moran at CBS Outdoor regarding our intent to purchase space for a "We regret our abortion" billboard. His management does not like the copy and does not believe it is a public message; we do not know if they would accept the board if we paid full rate, which would be considerably more expensive. If they still decline the board, we will send a letter to the president of the company. We will also contact Brad Dacus at Pacific Justice Institute, and it was also suggested we contact Call Kurtis, the consumer reporter, at Channel 13 in Sacramento.

In the meantime Maureen also called Stott billboard company in Chico, and got the feeling they are more amenable to doing business with us. The company representative told her they have large boards (30-sheet) and small (8-sheet) boards available in Gridley, Chico, Oroville, Biggs and Yuba City. They can

also work with us to print up anything we want. He will email location maps and more information. Motion was m/s/c to try to get boards up for the Life Chain and Respect Life Month in October; further discussion was tabled to the next meeting when we should have more information.

John has not yet contacted Terry Brown at A-1 regarding a vinyl sign outside his business. In response to the Newsletter, Pam Statler in Meridian called Maureen. She has property on Highway 20, by the bridge, with a cyclone fence. Following discussion, it was agreed we will purchase two more banners, one with "One heart stops, another heart breaks," and the other "Children are a gift from God." This way we can periodically change the message at the different locations. Maureen talked to Postnet regarding a new sign for the booth, a 2½ x9 feet vinyl banner with grommets. Tiffeney offered to get some more quotes online for printing.

Maureen asked everyone to be alert to any churches, or people that have property along the highway, to see if they would be willing to post a pro-life banner. It was suggested we check with AWF to get contact information for pro-life churches; Miriam will also see if we can get email addresses to send notices for our meetings, etc. It was suggested we check the Ambassador, the Yellow Pages, and the Appeal; we can also Google specific church names.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Chuck reported the average daily number of visits for June was 49, higher than usual, with 50 or more hits on four days. On June 27 there were 300 plus hits, perhaps in response to a training for sidewalk counseling held in Sacramento on June 30. Highest hours for hits were 11 p.m. and 3 p.m. Top pages were: fair booth; frozen embryos; legislation; directory; pictures from Walk for Life; Planned Parenthood; newsletter; grand jury report 2003; and stem cell research. A high percentage of visits were direct requests. Others came in through searches such as Google, Yahoo, Ask Jeeves, MSN Search. Key word search strings included frozen embryos; County Fair booth; abortion clinics in Yuba County; abortive pills; abortifacients; are embryos alive; at what temperature are embryos stored; PBA ban; blastocyst; Colusa County Fair; embryo in uterus; finding adoptive family; inconvenient; burdensome human beings; and Legionnaires of Christ. Chuck reported he found a better internal search engine for the parish website, picosearch.com, that we may wish to consider; Maureen will put this on the next agenda.

In response to the ad in our Newsletter, Chuck got email from Joel Garcia. Chuck emailed information and left a phone message inviting him to attend the meeting, but we have not yet heard from him.

LEGISLATION UPDATE:

The web page is updated as of July 3 to show all pending pro-life and anti-life bills in California and the U.S. Congress. **Pro-family:** AB 708, abstinence education: died in committee and the federal bill will probably do likewise. AB 1009, fetal pain prevention: the hearing was cancelled as it was going to fail. SB 621, parental notification: this would require a separate form to take the child out of school without knowledge or permission of parents; it was amended so there will be a statement included in the forms that can be bold and in a different font; it is now dying in committee. **Anti-Life:** AB 16: this immunization bill was amended to add a new bureaucratic position in the State to implement federal guidelines (recommendations); it will include private schools. AB 43 and SB 11: gender neutral marriage has passed in both houses and gone to counterparts. AB 374: the Compassionate Choices (assisted Suicide) bill is dead.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Maureen presented information from Rachel Williams. She and her fiancé have done five chastity talks: three at St. Joseph, one at St. Isidore (where she was accompanied by Mary Hunt) and one at Sacred Heart, for 150 students. They also prayed at a Sacramento abortion clinic for two hours and still occasionally stand along Highway 20 or 99 with their signs. Rachel has been dedicated and faithful to the life cause and her visiting cousins will be with her on Highway 20 the next few days

STEM CELL UPDATE:

The most notable item was President Bush's veto of the human embryonic stem cell research funding bill. NIH still funds primate and mouse stem cell research. According to the CIRM website, they were going to try to fund a lab, possibly at UC Davis, for a central facility to train researchers, but it was recommended this not be funded. The UCDCMC just opened a 100,000 square foot research center on Stockton Boulevard. Mary Anne recommended we consider putting a link to CIRM on our website. California has already funded \$280-plus million, with UC Davis receiving over \$11 million.

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

All supplies have been ordered. Maureen showed the two posters we will have mounted. She has almost completed scheduling, and is especially looking for bilingual people. As noted earlier she is working on a banner for the booth. She requested help to put labels on all the brochures. Ronda, Mary and Mary Anne offered to help. The Fair Worker's meeting is Wednesday, July 25. Pages will do the Fair Workers letter and Mary Anne will bring snacks. We will plan the rest of the meeting as we get closer.

MISCELLANEOUS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Chuck reported that the California state budget is still not finished. In addition, because California won't provide abortion statistics to the Federal government, the state will lose \$20 million in funding, so the Governor has asked for an additional \$20 million in the State budget (for a total of \$60 million) for Medi-Cal abortions.

Royce Dunn is putting together a group to promote community awareness of the evil of Planned Parenthood. Mary reported she was instrumental in keeping Planned Parenthood out of the First Five Advisory Committee in Yuba County. Harmony Health, on North Beale Road, is working with pregnant moms at a small clinic. Mary also reported she had gone to the State Capitol on July Fourth, where she taped her mouth and stood on the capitol steps praying. She was advised by Capitol police to stand on the lawn. There are supposed to be pro-life rallies at each State capitol on July 7 as part of "The Call."

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 8
St. Isidore Parish Hall