

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee Board Meeting

Minutes from December 5, 2007

Present: Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton

Michael Pugh

John Guth
Heather Pugh

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Heather led the opening prayer and everyone read the "Priests for Life" prayer together.

New Brochures for Project Rachel: The Project Rachel coordinator sent new brochures, which have next year's retreat dates listed on the back. Cards will also be placed in the church vestibule. Maureen has requested the Hispanic version. They will be sent when ready.

CA Pro-life Counsel Invitation: An official invitation from the CA Pro-Life Counsel was received for their annual Breakfast on January 22, 2008.

Brochures in the vestibule of the church: Maureen replaced the brochures in the vestibule of the church. She will order 100 copies of "In-vitro Fertilization" for \$12.00.

Minutes from November 7, 2007: The minutes from the November 7, 2007 Board Meeting were accepted, moved by John and seconded by Mike Pugh.

Treasurer's Report: Currently there is \$1,216.00 in the bank. \$150.00 is to be deposited. Bills to be paid: Heritage House, \$206.00 (Maureen will pay on her credit card), \$180.00 for banner for Mario McCarthy's workplace. \$575.00 has been paid for the CBS billboard.

Petitions for SB 777 due by January 5, 2008: This petition is a referendum to cancel SB 777. John commented that we should check on the church's position on SB 777. Maureen will call Kathy Conner to check if the church has a statement on their position. This referendum is really not a "Right to Life" issue so John commented that he did not want to support it by gathering signatures. Maureen will email all of us after she contacts Kathy Conner and gets the requested information on this petition.

Report on YSRTL Website: The announcement regarding the Walk for Life is on the Website. The public service announcement requested that interested persons call Cliff Peterson to reserve a seat on the bus. Mike plans to build a page on our website on the Walk for Life. Interested parties can also contact the website and leave their name and phone number and someone will contact them. For November there were 864 visits to the website. YSRTL is a leased name, which expires on 02/01/2008, the host contract is up for renewal at \$12.50/year. The renewal is automatic and will be verified by Mike P. October stats are about the same + or -5%. Out of 864 visits there were 1400 hits. The number one hit is the Home page and hits to the "Women's Friend Banquet" and the candidates statements were the most popular. The average was 28 hits per day. The most was 61 per day. Mike P. will get more information on the website for our next meeting. Mike P requested any ideas for additional links for our Website. He suggested Newsletters from other Pro-Life organizations. Information from the Ministry Faire could be available on video or he could provide a link for this information. There could be a presentation

by a person that would be translated into text; a description of the fair booth and a presentation of what was provided; also a description of our Banners and how we arranged for banners to be displayed. Our newsletter is indexed so people can access it. The website content will be discussed further at next month's board meeting.

Speaker's Bureau: A presentation will be made to the Colusa Confirmation class per Jennifer Hackney (Chuck & Miriam Page's daughter) on "The Catholic Churches' Position on Life in the Womb." The date will be announced at next month's Board meeting.

Billboards: Maureen contacted Dave Moran at CBS. We will not get their non-profit rate, so we will do one billboard at full price. Regarding STOTT, their available large billboards are out of the community and expensive. Maureen will try to contact Dave Moran's boss and request that they do a public service to women damaged by abortion. Mike P. suggested a Billboard referring women to "A Women's Friend." Maureen commented that "A Women's Friend" usually does their own billboard. Maureen said that we try to put up our billboards in January for the Roe v. Wade anniversary and before the Yuba-Sutter Fair in June. Mario McCarthy has placed the small Abortion, one heart stops another heart breaks vinyl sign in Marysville by his work. Pam Slattery cannot put one up because it would be obscured from Hwy 20. Maureen will ask Dave & Katy Lee if they would put one up at their store "Sunflower" at Teegarden & Sutter Street.

West Coast Walk for Life: We have a new vinyl sign, "Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Respects Life" to be attached to the back of our current sign that was used for the "Walk" last year. Maureen put up posters in the vestibule of the church and will add the contact information for Cliff Peterson. She will also contact the school and place a poster there.

YSRTL Newsletter: Heather's first edition is now available. It will list the contributors to the cost of our Billboards as well as contributors to the cost of publication of the Newsletter. The newsletter will be printed on cherry red paper. 8.5" X 14". PIP Printing is to provide a sample for our approval to be sure the folds are in the right place. We will try to add picture of the small banner, which is displayed within our community.

The closing prayer was lead by John and we all participated.

The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at 7:00 pm in the Community Hall Conference Room at St. Isidore.

Maureen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.