

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore's Parish Hall
January 2, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Maureen Guth
Michael Gabhart
Heather Pugh**

**John Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh**

GUESTS PRESENT:

**Marcos Gonzalez
Fr. Francisco Hernandez-Gomez**

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen welcomed our guests and made introductions. Maureen advised that she restocked the brochures and prayer cards in the church. She also stocked a new flyer on in vitro fertilization. Cliff handed out a pro-life advertising supplement which will be given to those on the bus for the West Coast Walk for Life.

CALL TO ORDER:

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

OPENING PRAYER:

Mike Gabhart led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of December 5, 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$735 in the bank with two checks totaling \$1300 to be deposited. Maureen spent \$60.63 on brochures and pamphlets and is to be reimbursed. Maureen sent out one thank you note ~~for one of the donations and will send another note for the second check.~~ [to Dave & Katie Lee and will send one to Russell & Boals Painting, Inc.](#)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Maureen announced the new 40 Days for Life schedule. Those interested in attending are to contact Maureen.

Maureen read an email from Chuck Page regarding an article about Wynette Sills and the new 40 Days for Life schedule during Lent.

SB777:

Marcos reported on the SB777 petition signature drive. Over 500 signatures were collected in just one weekend. When Marcos delivered the signatures to the CRFI office in Sacramento, he was told that they were still verifying some of the signatures,

but that they felt that more than enough signatures were collected to get the issue on the ballots.

Chuck Page sent an email suggesting we put SB777 info on our website. Michael advised he received that email from Chuck and that he didn't put it on the website because at our last meeting, it was mentioned that we did not know the Church's stand on the issue. He further stated that the bill will be renamed as a Proposition once it qualifies for the ballot and that it may not be clear the Proposition is to overturn SB777. Mary Anne suggested it should be on the website to show that SB777 was signed into law and that we are attempting to have it canceled. General consensus is that we post it for now and then update it once more is known after the signatures from the Petition drive are counted.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Michael reported 1,076 visits to the website in December with an average of 40 visits/day. A handout showing the top eight pages viewed was given to those present with the top eight pages being our Home Page; frozen embryos; Website Directory; Planned Parenthood Targeting Our Children; Spiritual Adoption; Forty Days for Life; 2007-2008 Legislation; and West Coast Walk for Life 2008.

Michael advised the website name is up for renewal before the next meeting. Maureen stated the company has her credit card information and she will permit the \$12.50 fee to be charged to it.

SPEAKERS BUREAU:

On January 24th, John and Maureen will speak to the Colusa Confirmation class.

NEW MEDIA & LITERATURE:

Knights of Columbus has a new DVD called "The New Culture of Life" and a booklet called "The Sixth and Ninth Commandments – Sexual Morality". Maureen advised she will order these. She also passed out copies of a pamphlet called "In Vitro Fertilization – Why Not?", which has been placed in the brochure holder at Church, as well as one called "She also gave us each a copy of "Pro-Life Today and Always" This pamphlet will be used for the Colusa Confirmation class. These pamphlets have been placed in the church.

Maureen distributed copies of two possible bulletin inserts regarding abortion and asked for input. One was titled "35 Years of Abortion" and the other "Respect Life from Conception to Natural Death". The insert titled "35 Years of Abortion" was chosen. Fr. Francisco gave permission for us to include 750 copies of the insert for the parish bulletin.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Maureen sent an email to Brother Michael about the Pro-Life Prayer and Breakfast on January 22nd as well as the information for the baby shower being held for A Woman's Friend. Maureen invited Fr. Francisco to visit A Woman's Friend with her and he accepted.

Maureen advised that volunteers are needed to make an announcement after each of the masses as well as be a helper at the crib to accept donations for A Woman's Friend

on Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 19th & 20th. Marcos said he will make the announcement and his wife will be at the crib to accept the donations at the 11am mass. Maureen said that anyone who may be interested in volunteering for the other masses should contact her.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE:

Fr. Francisco announced that the bulletin insert arrived via UPS today.

Maureen advised she put up WCWFL signs that had tags with Cliff's number on them and Cliff acknowledged that it was successful because he began getting more calls as a result. Cliff stated that Crossroads Community Church will contact him regarding the number of people they will have on the bus. (Heather is it Crossroads or Cornerstone Evangelical Free?)

Maureen stated that 2 or 3 year olds (and under) that will sit on a parent's lap need not be charged to ride the bus.

The cost of the first bus is \$900, but the second bus (if we choose to get one) will cost \$1300. Each bus holds 50 people.

Between Cliff's list of interested people and Marcos' list, there are more than 50 people who plan to ride the bus to WCWFL. Marcos has 34 adults signed up with children not counted. Marcos thinks that 80% of the list will, in fact, go. With the numbers signed up, Maureen feels a second bus is needed. All are in agreement. Marcos stated he has a family of 5 on his list that would very much like to attend, but are not able to pay \$25 for each member. It is decided that Marcos will ask them to pay whatever they can, and either the Church or YSRTL will pay the balance.

Maureen will call the school next week to see if any students and/or teachers are planning on attending WCWFL.

Cliff stated he wants all children under 18 to be accompanied by an adult and that he wants the cell phone numbers of each person attending so that we can contact anyone who does not make it back to the bus after WCWFL to make sure they are safe. Everyone riding the bus is to be at St. Isidore's at 7:30am to leave at 8:00am. Those attending are to bring a snack and a sack lunch. We will be stopping in Fairfield to get burgers on the way home for dinner, time permitting. With the recent weather, those attending may wish to bring an umbrella.

Checks for the bus ride are to be made payable to YSRTL, and we will pay the bus company. Cliff advised he has a few checks now but he wants to hold off on depositing them until he has more.

Mike G. will put the deposit down for the second bus on his credit card. Marcos volunteered to be the bus captain for the second bus to take roll and make sure all monies are collected.

Announcements for WCWFL are to be made after each mass next weekend.

Maureen will have water and precious feet on the bus as well as bracelets for the kids. A brief discussion is held as to whether we should charge for the precious feet and bracelets. General consensus is that we should not charge for these items and so they will be distributed freely to those riding the busses.

Cliff has an ad (which has some graphic photos inside and are not for children) that he will make available for each bus. Marcos received a call last week and asked for 100 of these ads.

VINYL SIGNS:

Maureen stated we have vinyl signs at Mallen's Automotive, Sperbeck's Nursery, one in District 10, and one at Mario McCarty's across from the old mall. Maureen asked Dave and Katie Lee at Sunflower if they could place a sign and they will put one up on Teegarden, but they would also like to have "One Heart Stops.....Another Heart Breaks" for the front of their store. The only problem is they can't figure out how to get the sign up in that location. Marcos suggested another possible location on Plumas Street where he knows the owners are Pro Life. Maureen took the information and will contact them.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Maureen has information on studies being done on the link between abortion and cancer as well as cancer and usage of "the pill" and she requested this information be posted to the website. She also has information on "Signs of Life", a Hollywood pro-life organization. Maureen requested this also be posted to the website.

Maureen handed ideas for articles for our Newsletter to Heather.

Maureen showed articles written by Chuck and Miriam Page as Letters to the Editor. She encouraged us to write letters to the editor of our paper. Mike G. said he's sure Chuck would be happy to look over any letters we may wish to write and send in.

Maureen read an article about a German prelate who was a voice of conscience in Munster, Germany during Hitler's euthanasia campaign on the handicapped.

Maureen advised that the first Wednesday in March is a bad date for she and John and asked when we would all like to meet that month. The consensus was that the March meeting will be ~~held~~ Tuesday, March 4th. [However, before these minutes were completed, that was reversed. We WILL meet on Wednesday, March 5th.](#)

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary