

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore's Parish Hall
February 6, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh**

**John Guth
Heather Pugh**

GUESTS PRESENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen stated she cleaned up the brochure dispenser in the Church and stocked new cards from Rachel's Vineyard. Mary Anne passed around a brochure she picked up at the prayer breakfast called "A Baby's First Months" put out by National Right to Life.

CALL TO ORDER:

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

OPENING PRAYER:

John Guth led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of January 2, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$1,949 in the bank with no deposits pending. John advised we spent \$2131 for two buses for the West Coast Walk for Life and we received \$1950 from the passengers to go toward the cost. John has asked for a \$400 refund from one of the bus companies due to the dirty condition of the bus and, most especially, the bathroom. He stated that someone has called from the bus company to apologize and acknowledged that a refund is in order. The amount was not stated and no monies have been received to date. Maureen spent \$70.95 for the bulletin insert marking the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as well as \$17.95 for a booklet for Fr. Francisco and is to be reimbursed. Maureen advised that thank you notes are up-to-date.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Maureen posted a flyer for 40 Days for Life in the Church. Those who are interested in participating are to go to our website or that of 40 Days for Life to get the Statement of Peace form to fill out and turn in at the site. Maureen will list herself and Heather as contacts for those desiring more information. Maureen and Heather have set Friday, February 22nd, as the day they will pray outside the Planned Parenthood in Sacramento

and others are welcome to join at that time or they can schedule a different time with 40 Days for Life by visiting the website or calling. Maureen went on to say that we would like to fill in one day from 8am to 6pm. Maureen will send the bulletin announcement to St. Joseph's Catholic Church as well to get their participation. Michael is to send Maureen the Newsletter email list so she can send the 40 Days For Life info to our right to life contacts.

SB777:

Mary Anne stated that SB777 did not get enough signatures before the deadline, but that the Save Our Kids coalition plans on waging another campaign to get it on the ballot. Mary Anne has a copy of the bill (which is 25 pages) for anyone who wishes to read it.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Michael reported 1,248 visits to the website in January. A handout showing the top pages viewed was given to those present with the top pages being our Home Page; West Coast Walk for Life 2008; Website Directory; Forty Days for Life; and the 2007 Youth Conference.

John asked Michael if he received the photos from the West Coast Walk for Life that he forwarded to him for posting to the website. Michael advised he had received them, but has not had time to post them as of yet.

Michael stated he would like to update the website and will be working on a new design over the next few months. He added that he has been thinking about putting an editorial section on our website with Letters to the Editor that are pro-life. Maureen stated we have a Community Spotlight section that may have something like that, but that maybe we could give it a new name and include Letters to the Editor. Michael stated that he would like to show more photos on our website depicting our outreach to the community.

SPEAKERS BUREAU:

Maureen and John spoke to the Colusa confirmation class in January and even the 6th grade students were present for a portion of the presentation as well as some parents and teachers. John reported that the students were very attentive as they learned about abortion and why the Catholic church is pro-life. Susan Burky of St. Isidore's Catholic School ~~has contacted~~ will contact Maureen and John about doing a presentation for their confirmation class.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Sanctity of Life Sunday was a big success with a lot of baby items being donated as well as \$704 in donations. Fr. Francisco went with Maureen to a Woman's Friend to deliver the items and while there he was taken on a tour of the facility. Maureen took the opportunity of this occasion to mention to Fr. Francisco that some time back our

parish stopped giving a monthly donation to a Woman's Friend. Fr. Francisco said he would take care of the issue.

During Sanctity of Life Sunday, fliers showing the volunteer positions at a Woman's Friend were available for those interested. As a result, a bilingual parishioner is looking for a center in or near Davis where she can volunteer her time.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE:

Maureen stated that Mike Gabhart has already secured two buses for next year's event. An article about the 2008 WCWFL should be included in the March Newsletter as well as some photos. Michael P. advised that photos don't do as well because the Newsletter is done in black in white and the photos tend to come out black. He went on to say that a photo of our banner (Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Respects Life) would probably come out okay.

VINYL SIGNS:

The individual in District 10 with one of our vinyl signs on his fence called to say that his South and rear fence blew down in the storm we had in early January, but NOT the fence on which the vinyl sign is affixed. Maureen stated she noticed that our sign at Sperbeck's Nursery is down. She will call to find out what happened.

Mike P. reported on the location of the billboard we had up on Lincoln Road facing Garden Highway. He stated only those going West on Lincoln Road from Garden Hwy could see the billboard and that it was in a very poor location with limited visibility. Mary Anne added that it's not lit at night. Mike stated the poster itself has a good message and is easy to read and that it comes across well. Maureen will contact the billboard company to find out why we got such a poor location and to inquire about choosing the next location rather than having them put it up wherever they have an opening.

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

Maureen stated the fair this year is from July 30 to August 3rd and "150 years of Summer Fun" is the theme. Booth decorations are to depict the fair over the past 150 years. Maureen will fill out the paperwork for Yuba Sutter Right to Life to have a booth at the fair and send it in. Maureen is looking for people to help take down the booth this year. Maureen asked Mike and Heather ~~to do a~~ **to cover the** letter ~~for~~ **at** the fair workers **evening which** entails ~~ing~~ what they may and may not do in the booth. She will get together with them before hand to go over it. Maureen further stated she wants to order 100 precious feet pins for the fair at 55¢ a piece. All present are in favor of the purchase. Maureen stated she ordered more pens because they were given out at the Colusa confirmation class presentation and we didn't have any more. She had "Abortion.....One heart stops, another heart breaks" added to the pens.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Maureen passed out an email from Chuck with the website of the California Catholic Legislative Network where we can sign up for updates to post on our website or print in the Newsletter.

Maureen stated she would like to know if anyone has information on the Youth Rally held at St. Isidore's on Sunday, January 23rd, which was co-sponsored by the Divine Mercy Support Network. No one in attendance at the meeting has any information so Maureen asked if we know of someone who attended to please have them contact her.

Maureen passed out the e-Newsletter from Spirit & Life listing ten ways we can all help the pro-life movement. Heather stated she would like to put an abbreviated version of this in our next Newsletter.

On a side note, Mary Anne stated she looked through the Sacramento Yellow Pages and was shocked to see that there were approximately four pages of listings for abortion providers. She stated she also looked through the Yuba Sutter Yellow Pages and saw some abortion provider listings. John stated he didn't believe we had any in this area because our organization had protested out front of those providers and that one by one they had all closed.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Maureen.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary