

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore's Parish Hall
March 5, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh**

**John Guth
Heather Pugh
Michael Gabhart**

GUESTS PRESENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen stated she restocked the brochures and prayer cards in the church.

CALL TO ORDER:

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

OPENING PRAYER:

Mike G. led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of February 6, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$1,626 in the bank with deposits totaling \$380 pending. John advised we paid \$358 to Maureen for the cost of the pens which were ordered as well as the fee for the website which is automatically charged to the credit card. \$175 is to be paid to the post office for our non-profit status. Maureen advised that thank you notes are up-to-date and that she ordered more precious feet pins for the fair in August. John reported that we received a \$400 refund from the bus company because of one of the busses being dirty during West Coast Walk for Life (it has already been deposited).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Maureen and Heather may go again to the Planned Parenthood in Sacramento on March 14th. Since our names are listed as the contacts in the bulletin for those wanting information, we will let anyone who is interested know that date. Maureen has located a flyer in Spanish and has given it to Tina Velasco who will see if she can get the Spanish community involved. Maureen stated she tried to send the 40 Days for Life flyer to our email distribution list, but that she was unable to do so. Mike P. advised her to let Heather or himself know when she would like something emailed to the distribution list and we will do it as either webmaster@ysrtl.org or secretary@ysrtl.org.

SB777:

Mary Anne stated that she does not have any more information on the status of SB777 other than what she reported at last month's meeting. Heather gave a brief report on AB16, AB81, AB374, AB509, AB708, AB1009, and SB621 – all of which have either died or been vetoed, with the exception of AB509 (suicide prevention) which has gone on to the Governor and AB16 (requires HPV vaccine) which has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Michael reported just under 1,000 visits to the website in February. A handout showing the top pages viewed was given to those present with the top pages being our Home Page; Frozen Embryos, our directory, Forty Days for Life, and West Coast Walk for Life.

Included in the handout of our top website pages was a printout of the new website that Michael has been working on. Everyone stated their approval. Michael stated he received an email from an individual who also has a pro-life website who would like us to have a link to their website on our website and they will link ours on theirs. However, the other website has some graphic content on it. Michael stated he would not be against the link as long as we had a statement warning people of the graphic nature of the content on the other website. Maureen stated she would rather we link up with Priests for Life which also has some graphic photos, but that you must specifically click on a separate link to access them and they are a known organization instead of an unknown individual.

Mary Gunderson's niece gave a speech to the senate of her state in opposition to one of the proposed bills which was for euthanasia. Maureen suggested it might be good to put the speech on our Community Spotlight section of the website. Mike stated he will post it once the website has been re-done. Mike went on to say that any items given to him that are for the website he will "sit on" until he works on that portion of the website and will add it then.

VINYL SIGNS:

We have our signs in five locations, but Maureen noticed that the signs at Sperbeck's and Sunflower are down. Maureen said that Sunflower said their sign was stolen and Sperbeck's said the wind tore their sign to shreds. They would each like another sign. Maureen stated each sign is \$160, but that she will check to see if there is a discount that will "kick in" after a certain number. If she is able to get a 20% discount on the second sign, then she will get both signs now. But if it's only 5%, then she will only get one sign for the Sperbeck's location.

We had our billboard up with CBS on Lincoln Road facing Garden Highway. We were all in agreement that it was not a very good location. John will call CBS to see if we can choose a location should we decide to do a billboard again. Mary Anne stated there is a CBS billboard on Highway 99 at Bogue road that is blank right now and that would be a

good location with a lot of potential viewers. John will also check on the cost of running an ad in the Appeal-Democrat (either ½ pg or ¼ pg).

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

Maureen stated the cost for the fair is \$475 for the space and \$87 for insurance and it needs to be paid with a money order. Maureen added that she will go through the literature to see what is in need of updating.

Maureen gave the mail merge form to Mike P. and Heather to duplicate for this year's fair workers.

Mike will take the DVD that we use at the fair to make a copy because the current copy is skipping. He will see if he can make a copy first and if not, he will re-make it from the original videos.

Maureen stated we need a carpet remnant for the fair that is 9'x9' and will pay to have it bound. She asked if anyone knows where we can get one from and Mary Anne said she will call Glines to see if she can get a neutral colored one from them since she used them when she replaced the flooring in her home. Mike G. also suggested French's floor covering. He will check with them.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Maureen stated she is still trying to get a hold of the Knights of Columbus to get the new "Culture of Life" DVD and booklet on abstinence.

A Woman's Friend walk is coming up and Maureen will check to find out when it is. She went on to say that Bruce Wilkinson will be their guest Speaker at their banquet on October 11th.

Mike G. gave a brief talk on artificial contraception. He stated that all Christians viewed it as evil until 1930 when the Anglican Church gave their okay to it and other denominations followed, but that the Catholic Church as always been against it. He stated that birth control preceded abortion and is fruit of the same tree. A brief discussion ensued about how to get birth control's abortifacient nature preached from the pulpit.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary