

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore's Parish Hall
May 7, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh**

**John Guth
Heather Pugh
Michael Gabhart**

GUESTS PRESENT:

Miriam Page

Jennifer Hackney

OLD BUSINESS:

The guests were welcomed and introductions were made. Maureen stated she restocked the brochures and prayer cards in the church.

CALL TO ORDER:

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

OPENING PRAYER:

Mike Gabhart led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$1732.56 in the bank with no deposits pending. John advised we paid \$435 for the booth at the fair and \$35.65 for CD's from "One More Soul". John advised we still need to pay the insurance for the fair.

LEGISLATION:

Mary Anne states that both AB2086 and AB2085 (bills which would effectively overturn SB777) were voted down at the first hearing. That leaves the signature gathering efforts currently underway as the only hope we have of overturning SB777. Kathy Goodnight was able to collect 89 signatures on one Sunday out front of St. Isidore's. She has been in contact with the "Save Our Kids" Coalition in Sacramento and will keep us updated on the progress of the signatures gathered.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Michael reported just over 1,200 visits to the website in April. A handout showing the top pages viewed was given to those present with the top pages being our Directory, A Woman's Friend Banquet, frozen embryos, and Forty Days for Life.

Michael mentioned that he is uncertain what to have listed in our "about" section on the website. Maureen will give Heather a flyer when they see each other on Friday that has a brief description that Mike can use.

SPEAKERS BUREAU:

Bonnie Williams is currently using our fetal models in a display case in the library at Beale AFB along with DVD's and books that can be checked out from the library. Maureen said that Bonnie mentioned she has had only positive remarks about the display and asked to use our models for a couple of weeks longer. Maureen granted her request.

VINYL SIGNS/BILLBOARDS:

Maureen has ordered a sign for Sperbeck's. The price break on signs is at three, so we ordered only one.

Maureen spoke with Dave Moran of CBS outdoor signs regarding our Jennifer O'Neil "I regret my abortion...." billboard and our non-profit discount status. Dave said he will put our request on his boss' desk and will let us know the outcome. Maureen let him know that we are prepared to appeal their decision that our billboards are merely stating an opinion and are not a public service.

NEW MEDIA & LITERATURE:

Maureen handed out an e-letter she received from *Silent No More Awareness Campaign*, which states how difficult Mother's Day and Father's Day are for men and women who have been victimized by abortions.

Maureen stated that she still hasn't heard from the Knights of Columbus about the new booklet and DVD titled "New Culture of Life" and adds that we may have no choice but to give up acquiring them.

Maureen received a new publication titled "Did You Know?" from the *Human Life Alliance*, which is published for the African American community. Heather was given one to look into the possibility of ordering some copies of the publication for Bethel A.M.E. Church in Marysville.

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

Jennifer Hackney, one of our guests, is from Colusa and is organizing the right to life booth for the Colusa County fair, which is the first week in June. She states she has a contribution of \$125 from Knights of Columbus and is hoping to obtain others in order to cover the cost of the booth and the insurance.

Mike G. looked at the question and answer box we use for the fair and has determined that the mechanism is fine, but that the printing on the box needs to be separated a bit. The feasibility of putting something over the top of the printing to cover it and only show

the question being answered will be looked into by Mike G. He will also look for some green light bulbs to change out in the box.

Mike G. asked if color matters for the carpet we would like to get for the booth at the fair and he was told we would prefer to keep it a neutral color. Mary Anne will call Glines and Mike will hold off on calling French's for now unless Mary Anne is unable to get carpet donated. She is also to check on having the donated carpet bound.

Fair worker's meeting will be July 24th at 7pm at the St. Isidore's Parish Hall.

A WOMAN'S FRIEND:

A Woman's Friend reported a total of 457 walkers for the event held May 3rd at Ellis Lake, which was a record. A total of \$75,802 was raised with (a partial) breakdown as follows: St. Isidore's raised \$2,127.00; St. Joseph's of Marysville raised \$2167.00; Our Lady of Lourdes in Colusa raised \$2,859.00; St. Joseph's of Lincoln raised \$1,737.00; Sacred Heart of Maxwell (which only has 50 members) raised \$1,445.31; Sacred Heart of Dobbins raised \$305.00; St. Boniface of Nicholas raised \$1,530; and St. Daniels of Wheatland raised \$625.00.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A woman named Rosa called saying she would like to volunteer for the Right to Life Committee doing anything which may be needed. Maureen will call her back and speak with her further.

John stated he contacted St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church regarding their Planned Parenthood presentation and expressed concern with the program. The pastor told John that he would pass the message on to the group that was in charge of the presentation. Reportedly, only about 10 people were at the presentation and of those, only 5 were from the community (the other 5 were part of the group putting on the presentation).

Mike G. feels that the contraception CD, "Prove It God.....And He Did" may turn some people off due to its spiritual depth, but that the CD by Janet Smith, "Contraception: Why Not?" is more intellectual and may appeal to a broader audience. Perhaps the RCIA and marriage prep classes could use the "Prove It God.....And He Did" CD. John feels we should involve Gretchen Marsh and Dave Bradley since we would also like to have them do a presentation approximately one month after sending out the CD to the parishioners. John went on to add that perhaps we should speak with Fr. Francisco about writing up a letter for him to sign with the CD included stating the date of the presentation. We've decided to do the following:

- 1) obtain Fr. Francisco's approval of the concept;
- 2) Speak with Gretchen and Dave and give them a copy of the CD as well a copy to Fr. Francisco and see what they think;
- 3) Mike G. will get three packs of the DVD and the CD's. He will also contact Johnette Benkovic to see about the possibility of getting a discount on the DVD's.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John Guth.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary