

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

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh**

**John Guth
Heather Pugh
Michael Gabhart**

GUESTS PRESENT:

Harry Wilkinson

Rosa Zermeno

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:

John called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

OPENING PRAYER:

Mike Gabhart led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of June 4, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$638 in the bank with \$25.00 in deposits pending. John advised we spent \$200 on printing the Newsletter, \$72 for mailing the Newsletter, and \$48 for Project Young One for purchasing the babies for the fair. He also advised we have a pending bill of \$524 for a Heritage House order for items for the fair as well as for two billboards. It is to be paid to Maureen to reimburse her for the charges to her credit card.

LEGISLATION:

Heather gave an update on AB2747 (the Physician Assisted Suicide through Starvation and Dehydration bill). Much of the damaging language was removed from the bill, thanks in large part to calls, letters, and emails from pro-lifers to their representatives.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Mike Pugh reported 1,802 visits to the website in June, with an average of 60 visits per day. A handout showing the top pages viewed was given to those present with the top pages being our Directory, A Woman's Friend Walk for Life,

frozen embryos, Spiritual adoption, our "About" page, Newsletters and Legislation. Mike states we have not been keeping up with the Legislation page but he hopes to get that going again soon.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE:

Heather gave an update on the printing costs for the flyers and information for the Priests for Life event coming to St. Isidore's in August. The estimate from PIP for the Broadcasting flyer (which lists all of the ways people can hear the Priests for Life broadcast) is \$38.40 for 500 black and white copies (which will be put on a table at the event) and \$166.50 for 500 flyers of the event in color. The estimate for Portraits of Coercion is \$296.13 for 500 double-sided color copies. These would also be placed on a table at the event. The estimate for the black and white version is \$99.47. The cost for folding this leaflet would be \$25.00. A recommendation is made to contact Fr. Francisco about the possibility of printing black and white flyers for the event at the Church office and inserting them in to the bulletin on August 9th and 10th as well as putting an announcement in the bulletin for the two Sundays prior.

Mary Anne volunteered to contact the President of YLI to see about having them provide some refreshments for the event. Heather is to contact Rich Covey of KofC regarding setting up the stage and the chairs. Maureen volunteered to bring sweet bread.

A budget of \$300 is allotted for the printing costs and any other costs associated with the event.

Heather is to email the flyer of the event to Mary Anne to give to YLI. Rosa also asks to have the flyer emailed to her.

NEW MEDIA & LITERATURE:

The Knights of Columbus have a new pro-life brochure that Chuck Page emailed out to see if we would be interested in getting. Maureen would like to have it for the fair and to put in the Church.

CONTRACEPTION CD PROJECT:

Dr. Gabhart gave the background on this to Rosa and Harry.

Dr. Gabhart consulted Gretchen Marsh and asked her what CD's she would suggest. She is thinking it over and will get back to him on her ideas. Heather adds that she spoke with Dave Bradley at Sr. Auxencia and Bro. Michael's farewell party about this project and he is on board.

Dr. Gabhart states he has the updated CD but has not listened to it yet.

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

The Colusa fair made \$100 in donations for precious feet and little babies.

We still don't have a pro-life voting guide that we are pleased with.

We have a commitment from French's Floor Covering for carpet, but we do not have it yet. Mike Gabhart is to contact them about getting it.

Our Petition again this year will be the Petition against taxpayer funded abortions.

Maureen has all the brochures ready for the fair except for the one from Focus on the Family.

Mike & Heather Pugh have the letter to the fair workers ready and will hand them out and read it at the fair workers evening. Maureen has the names and addresses for them to input. Maureen will also mail out a letter with the schedule to all of the fair workers. Rosa will bring chocolate chip cookies to the fair workers evening and Mary Anne will also bring some snacks. Maureen will bring iced tea.

VINYL SIGNS/BILLBOARDS:

The vinyl sign for Sperbecks has been purchased, but it is not up yet. Sperbecks is looking for a nice place to put the sign that is more prominent than the place it was before.

We have one billboard going up on July 14th and the second one going up about August 10th. The first billboard will be going up at Lincoln Road and Garden Highway, which is the same location it was at before. We were not very happy with this location because the sign was not very noticeable. Maureen wrote to them asking if the second one could go up at a different location. Dave Moran will check and get back to her.

NEWSLETTER:

The next Newsletter will go out in September. Maureen states that we need to be sure to thank all those who worked the fair. A suggestion is made to include an article on the Priests for Life event, as well as the two billboards we will have placed. Mike Pugh notes that this will be the last Newsletter to go out before the election and that perhaps some articles should be geared toward getting people out to the poles to vote for pro-life candidates and bills. We also will need to mention the Life Chain which happens in October as well as the banquet for A Woman's Friend. John adds that we need to keep asking people to switch their Newsletter subscription from traditional mail to e-mail to help us with printing and mailing costs. We can entice them to switch by including attachments to email Newsletters as well as color photos and layout that would not be included in the Newsletters mailed via traditional mail.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Maureen passed out pro-life booklets written by Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life to all present.

Mike Gabhart tells us about a conference on Humanae Vitae with Janet Smith as one of the speakers that will be Friday, August 9th at St. Mary's in Moraga.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be speaking at St. Francis High Auditorium on July 9th at 7:00pm.

Maureen reminded us of a pro-life workshop she would like us all to attend on September 6th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

John states he was asked if YSRTL would be interested in paying \$98 to have an ad in the area Christian Yellow Pages. The idea is voted down as no one shows any interest in doing it.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20th, at 7:00pm. Maureen will see if she can get a room in the Parish Hall for it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John Guth.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary