

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore's Parish Hall
October 7, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh
Diane LaBaw

John Guth
Heather Pugh
Michael Gabhart

GUESTS PRESENT:

Hope Ithurburn
Mimi Robarge

Fran Rex
Julie Woods

OLD BUSINESS:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:09.

OPENING PRAYER:

John led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of September 2, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$1,794 in the bank. The last deposit made was for \$324. All bills are paid. A deposit is to be made in the amount of \$60.

With our current financial status, Maureen is asking everyone to consider what projects we can undertake to share the pro-life message. Maureen stated billboards have increased in cost recently. John stated that he had considered in the past putting something in the newspaper, but had been told that billboards are the most effective means of advertising. John stated we had run television ads in the past and that's another option, but it is expensive. Julie stated her idea of advertising on a radio station (105.9) that plays rap/hip-hop music that she feels would be affordable. Julie has attempted to contact the radio station but they have not responded. John asked if she would like to continue doing so and she stated she would. Another idea Julie had was having a car wrapped (professionally) with our pro-life message as a driving message/billboard.

Maureen stated she also wants to make sure that the costs for 40 Days for Life are covered.

LEGISLATION:

Mike Pugh gave an update on the pending legislation. AB1048 (Child Protection Safe Surrender) has been moved to the inactive file at the request of the author and SB471 (Education for Stem Cell Research) has been passed and sent to the governor on 9/28/09.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Mike Pugh gave an update on the website statistics for last month. There were 1,233 visits with the most popular page being on stem cell research followed by signs, resources, legislation, and the fair.

Mary Anne asked Mike if our website had a link to the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine because it's very informative. She gave the link information to Mike so he could look at the website to decide if it would be good to link from our website.

VINYL SIGNS/BILLBOARDS:

The vinyl signs we have hanging around town have been rotated. We replaced the sign hanging at Mallen's Automotive which was getting somewhat faded. The sign that came from Mallen's Automotive went to a location out in District 10. Maureen checked about getting the signs for less. A place in town called "Thread and Ink" does vinyl signs and was told they could be less than the \$150 we are currently paying for the signs; however the price quoted was \$190 per sign with additional signs at \$170 each. Maureen reported that Heritage House will on occasion sell these signs for \$99/each. She will contact them to find out if they know in advance when they will have those on sale.

Mike Pugh asked about buying a sign that could be used for West Coast Walk For Life to allow the wind to pass through it. John stated we placed some openings in our sign for the event to allow the wind to pass through and, with the sign being expensive and still in good condition, we would not be looking to replace it any time soon. Maureen will contact Mary to see if there is fabric that could be used for a sign.

NEWSLETTER:

Maureen asked if anyone had any ideas or articles for the next Newsletter. Maureen stated she would like to include an article about Susan G. Komen foundation giving a donation to the Abortion Breast Cancer Alliance and acknowledging that women need to know the abortion and birth control/cancer link.

Maureen stated she will give an article to Heather for the next Newsletter about teens using cow hormones intended to self-abort.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE:

We will have 10 scholarships available for those who cannot afford the \$25/seat. Mike Gabhart reported he will have tickets printed up for the bus and he will be out selling the tickets beginning this month. Mike Gabhart stated that Fr. Francisco mentioned that we will not have a priest join us this year because Fr. Martin will be on vacation that weekend which leaves Fr. Francisco to handle the Mass, however, he put next year's

event in his blackberry to reserve the date. Mike Pugh asked about having the seminary students join us or perhaps a deacon. Maureen mentioned she spoke with Stephen Elliott of Crossroads Community Church who will talk with his pastor (who has several busses) about bringing a busload of their parishioners to the event. Mike Gabhart asked for Stephen's contact information so he can get him a DVD presentation. Maureen offered to email a bulletin announcement she made to anyone who like to have it for their Church bulletin. Hope stated she would like to put an announcement in her church bulletin and John advised she may want to wait until after 40 Days for Life has ended so as not to inundate the parishioners.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Hope gave an update on the campaign. She has received mostly good remarks and even some people have stopped to give donations for the cause. She commented on the number of vehicles going to Planned Parenthood with spouses and children in the car. Heather mentioned that for the next campaign that it would be nice if we could have a brochure to pass out talks about Planned Parenthood to educate the public. John mentioned that Royce Dunn has a newspaper type publication that talks about Planned Parenthood. Mike Gabhart mentioned that Chuck and Miriam Page also have a presentation that they do which covers Planned Parenthood and their exploits. Fran stated that Chuck Page would probably have some bullet points that we could use to assemble in a brochure.

Maureen read an article from a Care Net publication regarding Planned Parenthood receiving "bail out" money from the government and that Planned Parenthood does roughly 1 in 4 of all abortions in the country.

Hope will speak with Life Teen at St. Isidore's Catholic Church this Sunday and the Christian Business Alliance will be joining us at Planned Parenthood.

Hope said about 9 churches are participating. She left fliers at Faith Christian School, St. Isidore's School, and a Catholic Church in Williams.

John asked how the expenses were doing for the campaign and the funding. Hope stated the donations have not been as much as she had hoped, but her pastor stated he will pick up the difference.

Hope mentioned she spoke with someone at YLI. Mary Anne stated the next YLI meeting will be at 7pm and so she may be able to attend. If she does, she will be sure to mention the 40 Days For Life campaign.

Heather stated she would like to send an email to the YSRTL list to see if we can get more individuals to participate. Everyone stated that would be fine.

LIFE CHAIN:

Maureen asked Fran if her Church participated in this year's event. Fran answered they did, but she is uncertain how many individuals participated.

Diane LaBaw stated her Church did not announce the event nor was it listed in their bulletin. Hope stated she will speak with Pastor Gary regarding this.

Maureen reported not as many people participated as have in the past, but there was still a reasonable turn-out.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Diane LaBaw is welcomed to the Board.

Maureen passed out a copy of an article from Focus on the Family about homosexuality called "Love Won Out" to all present.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 4, 2009**, at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Mike Gabhart.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary