

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore's Parish Hall
November 4, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Maureen Guth
Michael Gabhart
Heather Pugh
Diane LaBaw

John Guth
Mary Anne Brayton
Michael Pugh

GUESTS PRESENT:

Hope Ithurburn
Fran Rex
Jenna Walters

Bobby McCleary
Julie Woods

OLD BUSINESS:

Guests welcomed; introductions made. Maureen stated she restocked the brochures and prayer cards in the Church.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Maureen Guth at 7:07p.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

Opening prayer led by Mary Anne Brayton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$1,896.00 the bank. \$25 was given to A Woman's Friend.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Mike Pugh stated we had 1432 visits to website last month. The top pages viewed were stem cell research, signs, about page, resources, newsletter, and information.

VINYL SIGNS/BILLBOARDS:

Maureen asked all present about the possibility of putting up another billboard since we have more money than we normally do at this time. Mary Anne suggested an available billboard space on Hwy 99 heading toward Sacramento. Maureen stated that if it's the billboard she's thinking of that it is owned by Richard's Tree Service and that they charge \$1,000 per month to rent. John will call Lou Binninger to see who he spoke to about the billboard that Glad Tidings rents.

Maureen stated the cost to buy the paper for the billboard is \$98 and the cost we have paid in the past to rent the billboard space is roughly \$350. A motion to allow \$600 for the billboard and the paper is made and seconded.

Maureen stated she and John noticed the vinyl sign up at Sperbeck's Nursery is starting to shred at the bottom from the wind and that we will need to purchase a replacement.

40 DAY FOR LIFE:

Hope Ithurburn thanked YSRTL for the support and donation made to the fall campaign. She also mentioned that we brought awareness to the community during this campaign and, in that respect, it was a success. She went on to mention that she will send out thank you cards to the businesses which supported us.

Hope told the story of the Planned Parenthood Director in Texas who, after working in the abortion industry for eight years, resigned after witnessing an ultrasound of an abortion taking place. She then joined the 40 Days For Life team praying in front of that same Planned Parenthood. Julie will attempt to find the video of the interview done on the television show "The View" and forward the link to all present.

Hope estimates that we had roughly 75 people participate in the campaign and that we had one complaint about a campaign participant throwing brochures in an open window of a vehicle as it was leaving the Planned Parenthood parking lot.

We will have a follow-up meeting to discuss our experiences and the next step for us. Hope would like to continue praying in front of Planned Parenthood the last Wednesday of the month from 4pm-5pm and continue to hand out brochures and hold signs....not necessarily 40 Days For Life signs, but to continue with a positive message.

John asked Hope about the finances of the campaign. Hope stated there was about \$700 that was not covered that she and her husband paid. Maureen asked about the registration cost. Hope stated it is \$195 and that it is for each campaign and not a one time cost. Mike Gabhart moved to contribute another \$300 to cover the 40 Days for Life campaign. The motion is seconded. John wrote a check and gave it to Hope.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Maureen explains to the guests that St. Isidore's celebrates Sanctity of Life Sunday by hosting a baby shower with the items donated going to A Woman's Friend. It takes place in January near the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Maureen handed out bulletin inserts that we would consider using for that weekend. The cost would be approximately \$50 for 1,000 of the inserts. Every one present voted for the "Why Should I be pro-life?" bulletin insert. Mike Pugh voiced his approval for the "Who Will Speak Up for the Little Ones?" as being the insert that would have the ability to grab the attention of those who are pro-abortion. Maureen asked everyone to read both inserts and email her the decision as to which one is best. Maureen also stated she needed to check to see if the insert comes in Spanish.

DVD from NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE:

Maureen purchased 2 additional DVDs of A Baby's First Months from National Right to Life because one was given to Melissa Taylor, the teacher from Wheatland who requested it. Maureen read the letter received from Melissa thanking us for the DVD.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE:

Mike Gabhart gave an overview of the event to the guests present. Tickets are \$25 per person and we have tickets printed up this year. Mike stated Susan Burke and her students may not be going this year because of scheduling problems. He also spoke with the Knights of Columbus and asked Hope if she would put a bulletin announcement in the Yuba City Nazarene Church bulletin. Jenna is part of the college group at Yuba City Nazarene and she thinks she can get some people rallied to participate. The guests are told that we have two buses reserved for this year and that each bus seats 50 people.

Mike Gabhart spoke with Stephen Elliot of Crossroads Community Church and he will check with his pastor about joining us. Heather spoke about David Kisling, a student at Yuba City High School and his pro-life work at the school. The Board agrees to use one of the scholarship tickets for David Kisling.

Maureen stated Heritage House has magnets on sale for 20 cents a piece and suggested we hand those out at the end of the bus trip for the West Coast Walk for Life instead of the Precious Feet pin. Julie commented that she has one of those magnets and they are not strong enough to hold paper to a surface, but that they are more for decorative purposes.

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES WITH YSRTL:

Heather stated her idea to have a night at the movies with YSRTL but that Mike Pugh stated there may be licensing problems. The idea is that the movies, which are documentaries, would be shown free of charge to the public. Heather stated that since the documentaries being shown are not widely known about, that perhaps we could receive permission from the companies directly to show them. Julie had an idea that we could rotate the showing in homes of individuals and get it out into the public that way. Heather is to get the DVD of Maafa 21 to Maureen so she can view it before our next meeting. Mike Gabhart would also like to view it.

LEGISLATION:

Mike Pugh stated that SB471, the Stem Cell Research Education bill was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger. Mike explained the reasoning behind moving AB1048 to the inactive file was to prevent it from dying. Also, the federal ERA bill was referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution without an abortion-neutral clause.

NEWSLETTER:

Heather stated she will do an article on the Planned Parenthood Director who left Planned Parenthood and joined the 40 Days For Life campaign. She will also do an article on David Kisling, the teenage boy at YCHS who headed up the Pro-Life Solidarity Day at the school.

Heather mentioned changing the Newsletter to letter size to make it easier for the email recipients to print out and also to enable us to put it in the St. Isidore bulletin. Maureen will ask Fr. Francisco if it's okay for us to put the Newsletter in the bulletin.

Maureen would like to see the upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreat dates in the next Newsletter. They are February 19-21. Maureen gave Heather the bulletin announcement that contains the information.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Julie contacted a place called "Prism Wrap" about doing a car wrap with a pro-life message. The cost ranges from \$1,000-\$3,000 and the wraps typically lasts about 3 years. Julie stated this is something that she has been thinking about doing on her own for some time and so she would not necessarily be looking for YSRTL to fund the wrap.

She also contacted a radio station about doing a community announcement with them and she has not heard back. She is determined to continue trying to reach them.

She also asked about making a bumper sticker with Yuba-Sutter Right to Life website information on it. Maureen stated she feels it would be important for us to approve the bumper sticker and Julie stated she will bring it in for approval.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Mike Gabhart.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Pugh, Secretary