# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee Minutes of Board Meeting November 2, 2005•St. Isidore Parish Hall

Present: John Guth Chuck Page

Maureen Guth Miriam Page

**Cliff Peterson** 

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:05 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by John. Maureen welcomed Cliff, who expressed the wish to attend regularly.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting of September 7, 2005, with no corrections.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported that the balance is \$1,368; all bills have been paid and the contribution to AWF has been made. The Newsletter costs were \$129 for printing and \$66 for postage.

Miriam submitted the invoice for our ad in the **Respect Life** edition of the *Catholic Herald* in October.

#### **BILLBOARDS:**

Maureen recapped the permanent billboard project we are working on for Cliff. Fr. Bong has approved putting an announcement in the church bulletin. Judi Mallen will be the contact for it. We will also place the announcement on the website. Maureen gave Chuck the text to use.

Victory Won has a large selection of 4'x8' vinyl signs costing \$165 for 1, or 3 for \$135/each. Prolife Across America accepts donations to put up billboards wherever they can, but we would not be able to specify where they go, and they don't offer papers for sale.

We generally do a billboard in January. It was agreed we will do two, and following discussion it was agreed we will use "If you're pregnant it's a baby." These are \$125 each, and we will not do a snipe. Maureen will order the papers and will contact Dave Moran about the space.

# **PROPOSITION 73:**

Chuck e-mailed Fr. Bong a couple weeks ago offering to reproduce and stuff bulletin inserts from the Diocese and asking if he is going to make a pulpit announcement this weekend, as the election is next Tuesday. He did not get a response but subsequently found out Fr. Bong's computer was out of commission. He will drop off a note in the morning making the same offer. If Father agrees, we will use the Spanish/English flyer.

Maureen had found some supposedly "non-partisan" voter guides in the vestibule of the church and removed them. Chuck pointed out that only information approved by the CCCB should be there.

#### PLANNED PARENTHOOD INFLUENCE IN THE SCHOOLS:

The CCD parents at Our Lady of Lourdes in Colusa have requested that we do a presentation. Jennifer Hackney is hoping for a Sunday afternoon and will contact us when she has a proposed date.

Maureen and Chuck gave a brief presentation on Life Issues to the St. Isidore RCIA class last Sunday and felt it was well-received.

# **SAINTS GO MARCHING:**

Fr. Bong was unable to participate in this event; John and Lucille Berg and Ralph Michel walked. The parish donated \$895, and Miriam put a thank-you in the bulletin. We received a thank-you letter from Carol Schoner acknowledging St. Isidore's contribution to Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, which is attached to the original of these Minutes.

#### **LIFE CHAIN:**

Judi and Tim Mallen did a good job coordinating this project. Tim estimated he gave out more than 140 signs. Fr. Bong showed up near the end of it. The parish youth were much better behaved this year. Royce left Maureen a message that about 10 or 12 people signed up as interested in working the fair booth.

Maureen had a note about the first Monday in October being pro-life memorial day but wasn't sure what it referred to.

## **WEB PAGE UPDATE:**

The average number of daily visits during October was 30. As usual, the most-frequently visited page was stem cell research with 250 hits, followed by frozen embryos, Bishop Weigand's homily, quarterly newsletters, PBA. and legislation.

Chuck noted that last weekend we had a fund-raising collection for the St. Isidore website and collected over \$1900. This will pay for current needs and the balance is in a special fund for future needs.

# **LEGISLATION UPDATE:**

Chuck reported the legislature is gone until around December 15 and will meet for about a week; some legislation will be brought back out of Committee. They will then break for Christmas and return around January 5, when the second year of the legislative session begins.

# **SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:**

SOLS will be January 22. Miriam wanted to use the "Roe v. Wade" Q&A insert from the Catholic Bishops, but it is too wordy. Following discussion, it was agreed we will use the "Open Your Eyes" inserts from Frontline. We will order 1,000 copies and offer to share the excess with Patty and

Rachel. We can purchase the Roe v. Wade for our literature rack.

#### **RACHEL'S REPORT:**

Rachel was unable to attend the meeting.

Chuck inquired if Rachel has received her 501c3 from the Federal Government. The last we heard, in October, she was filing it.

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

Miriam reported she already has more than enough information for the next Newsletter. Maureen will help her cull things down. Maureen will also check to see if it will be too late to have a notice about donating through United Way. We will include the information about National Girl Scouts from *Life Issues Connector*. Cliff will ask Mike Gabhart to check with Wynette Sills and see if her family would appreciate coverage of the Loretto High School situation: Wynette notified Loretto HS that a teacher had served as an escort at an abortion clinic. The school did nothing, so Wynette reported it to the bishop, who directed the school to terminate the teacher. Subsequently Wynette and her husband were banned from campus, and her daughter was summarily expelled.

Maureen reported that Starbucks has a series of specialty cups, one featuring Rick Warren of *The Purpose Driven Life*, although they are contributors to PP and promote the gay lifestyle.

## **NEWS ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:**

Following discussion, it was agreed we will continue to meet in the Parish Hall.

Cliff expressed the feeling that post-abortion syndrome is a crucial topic for us to address. Chuck will send a letter to the Deanery about Mike Gabhart's post-abortion syndrome presentation. Cliff will invite Mike to next month's meeting. We will also invite Fr. Bong and our new temporary vicar, Fr. Ben.

# **ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer led by Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page Recording Secretary

> Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m. St. Isidore Parish Hall

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