

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore Parish Hall
November 1, 2006**

PRESENT: Mary Anne Brayton, Mike Gabhart, John Guth, Maureen Guth, Chuck Page, Miriam Page

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:05 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by Chuck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2006, meeting with no corrections.

UPDATES:

Maureen reported she has restocked the brochures and placed additional copies of Love Matters in the vestibule at St. Isidore's. She picked up a copy of the special edition of The Ambassador with our ad that was published in September. She also received (and read to the Board) thank-you notes for our newsletter order from PIP, from Becky, and from Wynette (for the Precious Feet).

A WOMAN'S FRIEND:

Pages reported that the Banquet speaker, Stephen Mansfield, was outstanding. Maureen will check to see if his remarks were taped. Patty Gonzales, a St. Isidore parishioner, is now on the Board at A Woman's Friend. Their abortion recovery program has been retitled "Lives Set Free." The new Young Life program will be run through A Woman's Friend. Motion was m/s/c/ to donate \$250. AWF will also be offering a weekend seminar for junior high and high school age young women. Maureen will find out the date so we can include information in the Newsletter, and we can also promote it in our parish bulletin; it was agreed we will offer scholarships to those who cannot afford to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance is \$1,110. We received \$90 in donations and the additional \$157 from the Diocese. There is an additional \$75 to be deposited. We will place a half-page ad in the St. Isidore Parish Directory, using St. Isidore Respect Life Committee; Mary Henson is in charge of this. Chuck will prepare the ad and Maureen will check with Mary to determine the price. We also placed an ad in the Catholic Herald for their annual Respect Life edition; Miriam submitted the bill for that.

RECENT EVENTS: Ministry Faire/Life Chain/Saints Go Marching:

The following people worked the table at the Ministry Faire: Mary Anne Brayton, Misty Guerrero, John and Maureen Guth, Miriam Page, Mary McIntyre, Martha Vasquez. We only had three people request information: Sochi Xochitl, Angela Serda, and Yolanda Garcia. Maureen followed up and invited them to this meeting, and we will add them to the Newsletter mailing list. She also gave their names to the organizing committee. There was a follow-up meeting on October 11, but we were not notified of it. The Pastoral Council noted that overall, feedback has been positive.

Maureen did three bulletin ads for the Life Chain, but unfortunately the office staff neglected to put them in the first two Sundays. Tim Mallen and Liz Leighton coordinated at the event. Tim said there was not a very large crowd this year. We don't know if the Confirmation class participated; Maureen will check with Susan Burky. Chuck reported that the bulletin notice in English had the correct gathering spot (by the Waffle House on Colusa), but the Spanish announcement was incorrect, listing the waffle restaurant by Kmart.

Mary Anne spoke to Fr. Bong about the Saints Go Marching event; he was enthusiastic but was unable to participate. Mary Anne placed a notice in the bulletin. We do not know how many people sent checks to Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home.

PROPOSITION 85 ADVERTISING:

Mike contacted the Proposition 85 committee to get copies of their electronic ads; there were two oneminute spots (one showing the Life Dynamics telephone calls to California Planned Parenthood Clinics, and the other featuring a mother whose daughter was taken to a PP clinic without her knowledge). They also had a three-minute spot which was not appropriate for tv advertising. These were the same videos featured on their website. Mike then made initial contact with Eric Darling, Account Representative for Comcast Cable Spotlight, and Pages followed through. We contracted for 78 one-minute spots (2/3 the CA PP spot, 1/3 the mom) to run October 30 through November 6, at a cost of \$999.60. Eric subsequently called and said that by law, all political advertising has to carry a statement of who paid for it. The additional charge for adding the tag was \$175.

Chuck worked with the Appeal Democrat advertising staff to place a 3x3 ad in the paper urging a Yes on 85 vote, at a cost of \$150.75; it will run this Sunday, two days before the election.

Mike received electronic artwork for billboards from the Prop 85 committee. After consulting with the Pages, all concurred it was unattractive and unclear as to the message, and the investment would not be worth it, especially in light of the limited exposure we would have.

We picked up from Royce and distributed 50 Yes of 85 yard signs here and in Colusa. Chuck got a letter from the Knights of Columbus today urging a Yes on 85 vote. In Los Angeles, Cardinal Mahoney mandated all parishes to play a pro-85 message from him. We placed notices in the parish bulletin.

Maureen received a call from Diane Labaw wanting to make sure that Dick Mountjoy is pro-life. She is writing letters to all pastors in town encouraging them to promote a yes-on-85 vote.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

During October, the web page had 1,000 visits to 4,200 pages, about 30 per day. Most popular pages were partial birth abortion, legislation, frozen embryos, and the Sutter County Grand Jury Report. After reviewing the two-minute abortion clip on Scott Klusendorf's website, Chuck decided to put a link to his website, but not to the video, on our website.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None—the two year legislative session is now completed.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2007:

This will be held January 20. Fr. Frank Pavone is scheduled to be there. Mike said as soon as he gets promotional materials he will share with the Guths and Pages so we can post and distribute them. Stephen Elliott has said he will promote the Walk if we get flyers to him. We do not have a banner to use, but perhaps the school students could make one. We hope to have four busses from the Yuba-Sutter area this year. Dave Kugelman reportedly said Lou Binninger is working on one, as is Royce; John will check with Lou Binninger, and ask him to talk to Royce. Mike will talk to Bill Ollar. Mary Anne offered to make an appointment with Fr. Ben to see if he can go and will help promote it. Mike also would like meet with him and show him the DVD we made last year. We also need to start putting notices in the church bulletin. It was noted this will be the same weekend we do the shower.

RACHEL'S REPORT:

Rachel called John and told him the IRS had asked for more information. After prayerful consideration

she took this as a sign she should not proceed, and as of now she is no longer operating Youth for Life. Board members will pray for her intentions.

NEWSLETTER:

We will try to publish the Newsletter by December 10. Miriam asked for help composing articles. Maureen will do the President's Letter; Mike was asked to do a couple paragraphs on the Walk for Life; Chuck will do an article on Prop 85, whether it wins or loses; and Mary Anne was asked to do a brief item on stem cell research; she noted she recently discovered that the University of Wisconsin Lab owns the patents on the process for stem cell research and everyone else will have to pay for licenses. We will also ask for end-of-the-year contributions. Miriam asked everyone to email their items by the end of Thanksgiving weekend; she will format the Newsletter and send it around for review well before our next meeting (December 6).

NEWS ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Members shared various news articles.

The CBA Pastor's Appreciation Dinner will be November 11. Marcos Gonzales has a table and invited our priests and the Guths. They will check to see if there's another chair available so Chuck can attend.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Page, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6

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