

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
St. Isidore Parish Hall
December 6, 2006**

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

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order by Maureen at 7:10 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by Mike.

Chuck then played a video from the Bill O'Reilly news program, consisting of two segments regarding the O'Reilly Factor's investigation of the late term abortions performed at the Wichita KS clinic of Dr. George Tiller (aka Tiller the Killer). The Factor looked at two aspects: late term abortions performed because the mother is depressed, which is illegal in Kansas; and failure of the clinic to report child rape when they treat children.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen reported she has restocked the RTL display, prayer cards and Love Matters in St. Isidore's vestibule. She also reported that the Healthy Choices weekend has already occurred, and AWF hopes to do this once a year; we will help with scholarships in the future. Our half-page ad in the St. Isidore Directory cost \$55. Maureen has ordered 15 Spanish and 20 English *Angel in the Waters* books.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2006 meeting with no corrections.

TREASURER=S REPORT:

John reported our balance is \$1,213; all bills, including the ad in the Catholic Herald, have been paid. Miriam reported she contacted Comcast Spotlight regarding discrepancies in their statements and the amounts we had paid. We have a refund of \$95.40 coming back, \$75 from the ad tag and \$20.40 from air time. All thank-you and acknowledgment letters have been sent.

A WOMAN=S FRIEND:

Maureen noted that the revised brochures for AWF included information on how to donate electronically. They have updated both the general and the Healthy Choices (abstinence) program brochures. We do have copies of both if people inquire about AWF. She also reported that unfortunately, their LaVida store will be closing December 15. They had opened it hoping they could fund another office here in Yuba City, but the store did not do as well as they had anticipated.

Maureen learned more information on the Young Lives program. The center is working in conjunction with Young Life on this project for pregnant teens, to help them during their pregnancy and to connect, or reconnect, with Christ. Beth Dodd is working on this; they are training four mentors. Any money they raise goes to training, gas for transportation, etc. They hope to start club meetings in January and are looking for grant money. The suggestion was made to recommend they apply for some of the First Five (aka Children & Family Commission) money from the State. The Board agreed it is appropriate to send the \$250 donation, as voted last meeting.

BILLBOARDS:

The Knights of Columbus have a billboard available with the image of the Guadalupe holding a child on one half, and the words "Defend Life" and the KofC logo on the other half; they hope to have boards

placed all over the country in January. Maureen reported that all the boards in this area were booked last time she called, but she will check again. Chuck will try to get a picture of the artwork and if it is suitable, we will put up one board in January assuming there is space available.

WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Chuck reported that during November there was an average of 32 visits per day, with a total of more than 3,500. The highest number of hits for one day was 51. There were a lot of requests for information on Prop 85; other popular pages were legislation, frozen embryos, and stem cell research. Chuck noted that the report on search strings included four searches for Mike Gabhart, and "who owns frozen embryos?"

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST:

Mike reported we have a bus reserved; he sent \$100 for down payment, for which he will be reimbursed by YSRTL. Motion was m/s/c to make YSRTL the responsible entity on the bus. We will receive the funds and make payment to the bus company. Fr. Bong gave permission for parish participation, but said we need a \$5 million certification of insurance; this is probably the standard amount. Mike has asked Lenore Malarkey about this but has not had a response yet.

Ed McAuliff had asked Mike to speak to his Sunday CCD class about the walk, but has not followed up on this. Maureen has been trying to contact Susan Burky regarding St. Isidore students participating in the Walk. Board members agreed it would be good if the Yuba City contingent carries a banner. John will call Hector Velasco to see if the CANA group wants to participate, and Maureen will check with Rosa Esparza to see if the Guadalupanas have a banner. Fr. Bong will be in the bay area that day and will arrange to meet the group at some point. Maureen will send two posters to St. Joseph=s, and will invite Fr. Joe and offer to pay for his ticket. Departure time will depend on whether Fr. Pavone will speak at the Mass; if so, the bus would have to leave very early.

Mike will talk to Cliff Petersen and ask him to be the contact person. We have a poster in the vestibule at St. Isidore=s, and Maureen will prepare bulletin notices. Miriam will include information in the Newsletter.

There should be several buses from the Yuba-Sutter area. Maureen has talked to Steve Elliott=s wife; they attend Crossroads Community. She shared the DVD and flyers, and Steve will talk to his pastor and try to get a bus from there. John spoke to Lou Binninger, who agreed to promote it at Glad Tidings and requested copies of any information we have. Mike also has a call in to Bill Ollar at Cornerstone. Chuck will put a link on our website to the WFLWC web page.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Fr. Bong gave permission for us to do the shower. Maureen obtained a list from AWF of their particular needs. Maureen will recruit people to do announcements and monitor activity around the cradle, and will prepare bulletin announcements. We will order 1000 bulletin inserts from Michigan Right to Life. Maureen will ask Fr. Joe if he wants any. It was suggested and agreed that we do the inserts the week before SOLS.

NEWSLETTER:

Board members reviewed the Newsletter. Miriam will incorporate suggestions and finalize it as soon as the contact information for the WFLWC is confirmed. The target date for the printer is next Monday, December 11.

NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Prior to the meeting, Maureen had invited Mary Anne to join the board. Mary Anne has accepted and was welcomed.

NEWS ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary Anne shared information on Philip Johnson, the father of intelligent design, and read a paragraph from one of his books for the Board. Chuck received an alert from NRTL on the Unborn Baby Pain Relief Act. The House of Representatives vote was 250 Yes, 162 No; however, the Democrats had done an add-on to state it had to be passed by a 2/3 vote, not just a majority. It is hoped the bill will be re-introduced. Maureen passed around copies of an article on the "Lebensborn" children who were bred to become an Aryan master race by the Nazis.

Motion was m/s/c to continue the Masses for the victims of abortion the first Monday of every month. Miriam will take a check to the rectory, and at the same time will reserve this room for our meetings for the next year.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Mike.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Page, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2007

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