

**YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
St. Isidore Parish Hall  
May 2, 2007**

**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 7:10 p.m. and opened with a prayer led by Chuck.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Maureen stated she will restock the RTL displays and Love Matters in St. Isidore's vestibule tomorrow. She distributed copies of the St. Michael Prayer to stop abortion from HLI and will also place some at the church. She gave Miriam another membership received from the Newsletter mailing that needs a thank-you letter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was m/s/c to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2007 meeting with no corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

John reported we have \$2,055 in the bank. The only expense reported was our contribution to A Woman's Friend.

**BILLBOARDS:**

The vinyl pro-life signs are still up at the Mallen's shop in Yuba City and on Gary Arlington's property along Highway 70 outside Marysville. To date there have been no comments/complaints about either.

We were unable to find any pro-life billboards available from the Knights of Columbus. However, CatholicOnline had an article about an ongoing "I regret my abortion" billboard campaign by the Diocese of Madison, WI, and the K of C . The board considered putting up this paper, from Silent No More, along Highway 99 adjacent to the Planned Parenthood Clinic. However, the cost to keep the billboard there would far exceed our yearly budget and would require constant fundraising. Following discussion, it was agreed that we will look into the price of putting up a billboard, specifying that location, for a month. Maureen will check the price of the paper and will talk to Dave Moran at CBS about the location.

**WEB PAGE UPDATE:**

Chuck distributed copies of the cover sheet from the statistical report, but noted that the report appeared to be incomplete; the daily stats look okay but the monthly numbers were lower than usual. The top searches were the same as usual: stem cells, legislation, Planned Parenthood.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Chuck reported the website's legislative page is up-to-date on both state and federal legislation.

Pro-life legislation, State: AB 34, the Cord Blood Collection Program bill, has been sitting in committee since April 18, along with its sister bill AB 40, which would establish an Umbilical Cord Blood Banking Advisory Council. AB 81, Child Protection Safe Surrender, passed in the Judiciary Committee, and will pass in Appropriations as there is no cost involved. It should be on the floor by the end of the month. AB 708, Abstinence Education, failed passage in the Health Committee on a straight party line vote. AB 1009, Fetal Pain Protection, was scheduled for hearings twice but both were cancelled. If nothing happens, it could become a two-year bill. SB 621, Pupil Confidential Medical Services: Parental Notification, would require schools to send out a separate notification to parents that school authorities may excuse a pupil from school to obtain confidential medical services without parental consent; a hearing is set for May 7. SB 750, which would require Birth Certificates for stillborns over 20 weeks, has passed in the Health and Judiciary.

Federal: There has been no action on HR 223 on informed choice, HR 457 on cures for cord blood, or S 351 on Title 10 family planning; these are sitting in limbo and probably won't be allowed to go to committee hearings. S 356 on fetal pain protection is sitting in the Health & Education Committee.

Anti-life legislation, State: AB 16, which originally addressed only the new HPV vaccination, has been amended to take the legislature—to say nothing of parents—out of the loop for mandatory immunizations and give a new, appointed, position of State Health Officer authority to determine which vaccinations are required. It has passed the Education Committee. AB 43, Gender Neutral Marriage, passed Judiciary and is in Appropriations; its sister bill in the Senate will also pass, but the Governor will most likely veto. AB 374, Compassionate Choices (assisted suicide) passed in the Public Safety and Judiciary Committees and was referred to the Appropriations Committee, where it was placed in suspense. AB 675, School Safety, requires that, in order to reduce violence, schools cannot have literature on campus that is “hateful;” this could include the Bible in a private school. The bill is moving fast. AB 1511, Sexual Health: Family Communication Public Education Campaign, establishes a campaign to teach parents the party line on sex ed; it is in the Health Committee. SB 11, is the companion to AB 43; SB 777, similar to AB 675, from Sheila Kuehl, says texts must not reflect adversely on any group if you have any grant going to any school, including private or religious.

Federal: HR 3 will fund embryonic stem cell research with federal dollars; the president will veto it. HR 1964 is a new FOCA, introduced the day after the partial birth abortion ban; it says that there will be no federal or state limitations on any kind of abortion; it was immediately sent to the Judiciary Committee. The Senate version, S 1173 was filed same day;

### **STEM CELL UPDATE:**

Mary Anne reported not too much is going on other than the Director resigned. She distributed copies of a Sacramento News & Review interview with Dr. Claire Pomeroy, dean of the UCD Medical School. Mary Anne also reported on a talk she attended in April, sponsored by the Explorit Science Center at Davis. She had the opportunity to ask questions of the speaker Dr. Mark Zern, director of the Transplant Center at Davis. He is doing both adult and ESC research. The State is basically paying research and development costs so companies don't have to spend their own money; there are not a lot of venture capitalists wanting to invest in this technology. The Technology Transfer Office at the University will get any patent rights if any viable therapies are developed.

### **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:**

Maureen emailed Father Bong requesting a meeting, but has not had a response. She will follow up with another note containing more specific information on the purpose of the meeting.

Rachel Williams has done some presentations on fetal development and abortion for Grades 7 and 8 CCD students at St. Isidore, giving out the Truth Unmasked interactive CD.

### **YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:**

Following discussion, the Board culled down brochures to use at the Fair, aiming for one only in each category, in Spanish if available as well as English. We will use the map from the Time magazine article on pregnancy help centers. We were unable to find a four-D ultrasound brochure. Maureen will purchase solid-color tablecloths to be covered with the lace cloth. Tim Mallen has the game box to repair.

The Colusa Fair is usually the first week of June, and Jennifer Hackney plans to have a booth there. The Y-S Fair is August 1 to 5, and the worker meeting will be July 26. The vinyl banner we use across the back of the booth is deteriorating. We will purchase a new one that we can also use at the San Francisco walk, where we will actually have two banners, back-to-back, so people coming or going can read it. It was agreed the banner will read "Yuba-Sutter Respects Life." John will order the banner from Post-Net.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

The next Newsletter will be published in June. Miriam asked members to email articles and ideas to her before the next meeting. We will advertise for website and newsletter helpers.

### **MISCELLANEOUS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Members shared various articles, including a slick advertising brochure for Gardasil that Maureen picked up; an Action Alert from AFA asking people to email the President and ask him to veto the ENDA bills which give special status to homosexuals; and an article from Concerned Women for America noting flaws in the recent study on abstinence programs.

Miriam will contact the bus-stop advertising company to check prices for ads.

### **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Page, Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6**

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