# YUBA-SUTTER RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

St. Isidore's Parish Hall September 2, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS

Maureen Guth

John Guth Heather Pugh

PRESENT:

Mary Anne Brayton Michael Pugh

Michael Gabhart

**GUESTS PRESENT:** 

Fran Rex Miriam Page Diane LaBaw Hope Ithurburn

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Maureen stated she restocked the brochures and prayer cards in the church.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Mike Gabhart led the opening prayer.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of July 1, 2009.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

John reported we have \$2,153 in the bank with deposits to be made of \$75. We received a contribution of \$1,526 from the Diocese of Sacramento and received \$137.50 in donations from our booth at the Yuba-Sutter Fair. We spent \$28.32 for a board for the picture for our fair booth, \$63 for a DVD with remote, and \$15.55 for bumper stickers (we were out). Maureen advised she sent a thank you note to Michelle Chandler for the photo she did for us at her cost, as well as to Mary Gunderson for her contribution and one to Marilyn Likes for the fair booth table cloth.

## **LEGISLATION:**

Mike Pugh gave an update on pending legislation. AB1048 passed Appropriations and was read a second time in the Senate on 8/19/09; SB471 passed Appropriations on 8/27/09; and H.J. Res 61 was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on 7/21/09.

#### **WEBSITE UPDATE:**

Mike Pugh stated we had visits to our website in July of 1733 and in August of 1417 with the peak days being the days of the Yuba-Sutter Fair. The top pages viewed for July were the fair, 40 Days for life, signs, minutes and lifelinks. The top pages for August were the fair, legislation, signs, spiritual adoptions, and legislation.

## YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

Maureen stated that 233 people signed the Petition we had at the fair and she sent the signed Petitions to the Governor's office.

Maureen read a couple of comments left by some of those who worked our fair booth. One of the comments was from a teacher in Wheatland who asked for a video. Maureen will get our 6 minute DVD to her.

#### **VINYL SIGNS/BILLBOARDS:**

Maureen announced that Caldwell's Creative Laminates has our sign up at their business. The sign at Mallen Automotive is getting faded and the Arlington's sign is white. We have one extra sign in storage which will go to replace the sign at Mallen Automotive and their sign will go to the Arlington's.

Maureen read an article which states that a crackdown is coming on banners and signs located in corridors. We are taking a "watch and see" postion to see if our signs will be affected.

#### **LIBRARY PROJECT:**

Hope spoke with the Librarian at River Valley High School and was told they have a few books on reproduction, but that the students primarily use the internet. The Librarian felt they have enough books on the issue of life. The Librarian at River Bend said they have updated books, but will contact Hope if they need or would like to receive a donation of books.

Maureen suggested letting the schools know we also have DVD's which can be donated. One of the DVD's is only 6 minutes long and sells for \$10. Hope will follow-up with the librarians. Diane LaBaw stated, at Yuba City High School, only the teachers have access to the DVD's and that the students cannot check them out.

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

Heather needs to add the Life Chain to the Newsletter! Maureen stated she will contact Harry Wilkinson to make sure he is still the one organizing the local Life Chain. Maureen asked to be removed from the mailing list for the Newsletter and to receive it via email solely.

#### **WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE:**

Mike Gabhart suggested using \$200 of the money we received from the Diocese of Sacramento as a scholarship for those who are unable to pay for a seat on the bus. John moves we do \$200 for 8 scholarships. Mike Pugh suggested \$250 to make it an even 10 scholarships. The motion for 10 scholarships was seconded. Mike Gabhart stated he would like to make a personal pitch to the Knights of Columbus and Guadalapanas. Maureen asked about contacting members of the Christian Business Alliance and Heather suggested writing an article for the Ambassador Newspaper. Fran will talk to Bill Ollar about going and getting others to go as well.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE:**

Hope Ithurburn gave an overview of the Fall campaign for all present. Hope stated she is trying to get support from area churches and to sign-up participants at these churches. Miriam stated she would like to help in any way she can. Hope is putting together a Prayer Ambassador team to pray at the Planned Parenthood on Palora for four hours a week and act as a shift leader and point of contact for fellow participants. Hope will meet with everyone once she has the Prayer Ambassadors scheduled. She has a call in to Lt. Buckland of the YC Police Department to find out what the boundaries are and what we can and cannot do. She will also introduce herself to the businesses around Planned Parenthood to let them know about our presence during the 40 Days For Life campaign. Hope also announced that our campaign has a website at <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/YubaCity">www.40daysforlife.com/YubaCity</a>. The sign-up sheet is not yet functional, but will be soon.

Maureen asked if a letter can be sent to the Knights of Columbus and YLI. Miriam will check with Chuck. Mary Anne stated that YLI has a meeting tomorrow night but that she is unable to attend. She also said that YLI has a pro-life agenda again this year.

Hope stated Mary Hunt has contacted her and wishes to participate.

John asked Hope what her budget is for the Fall campaign. Hope stated it is \$1,000. John suggested that YSRTL should make a contribution. After discussing it, an amount of \$300 is decided upon and seconded and a check is made out to Yuba City Nazarene and given to Hope from YSRTL.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Maureen read a letter from the diocese about a pro-life Mass with Bishop Soto on January 22, 2010. Workshops will also take place on this day.

A 6 minute DVD was shown at the end of the meeting. Discussion ensues regarding ordering more to have on hand. The name of the DVD is "A Baby's First Months....Infinite Possibilities" from National Right to Life at the cost of \$10 each.

Diane LaBaw accepted an invitation to join the Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Board of Directors.

Maureen was given fetal models from A Woman's Friend and thought we could put them in the display case. Heather mentions people have been taking some of the items from the case. We will look into getting a lock for the case.

#### ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:00pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06p.m. and closed with a prayer led by John Guth.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Pugh, Secretary