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

St. Isidore's Parish Hall April 7, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maureen Guth
Mary Anne Brayton

John Guth Heather Pugh Michael Gabhart

ABSENT:

**Diane LaBaw** 

Michael Pugh

**GUESTS PRESENT:** 

Kathleen Caldwell, Fran Rex, Hope Ithurburn

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Maureen introduced the guests and stated she restocked the brochures and prayer cards in the church in English and put out the rest of the Spanish cards.

# **CALL TO ORDER:**

Maureen called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Fran led the opening prayer.

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

Motion was m/s/c to approve the minutes of March 3, 2010.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

John reported we have \$1,239 in the bank and \$50 to be deposited. John reported we made payments of \$243 to PIP for the printing of the Newsletter, \$72 to the Postmaster for the mailing of the Newsletter and \$185 for our annual permit fee. A motion is made to reimburse Maureen \$42.95 for the purchase of the realistic "Precious One" babies. A motion is also made to write a check to Human Life Alliance for the "Just for Guys/Girls" magazine to be passed out at the fair. Hope asked if Jenna asked about getting some of the magazines to have for their youth group at Yuba City Nazarene. Maureen stated that would be okay. A motion is also made to pay for the "When You Were Formed in Secret".

## **LEGISLATION:**

Mike reported on H.R.4808, the Stem Cell Research Advancement Act which authorizes the National Institute of Health to conduct human embryonic stem cell research and allows cloning ONLY IF the cloned embryo is NOT implanted into a uterus (or equivalent). We oppose this proposed legislation.

#### **WEBSITE UPDATE:**

Mike Pugh handed out the statistics for our website for the month of March. We had 1,807 visits in the month of March (the most for the past 11 months) and our top pages viewed were events, about page, Yuba-Sutter Fair, WCWFL, and lifelinks.

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

Maureen stated our billboard is still up at Richard's Tree Service.

Our fetal models are on loan to the Beale Air Force Library.

Maureen spoke with Mike Sperbeck about their sign at their new location and was told they will have it up in a visible location. She also spoke with Mario at the District 10 business and was told that sign is getting faded. Maureen asked Kathleen if she has received comments about the sign up at her business and she stated she has received positive comments.

Maureen stated she called the Silent No More campaign to find out about the response generated from our billboard that is up at Richard's Tree Service. She was told the person who handles that information was not available, but she was told that those who call during business hours ask for referrals and that those who call during the evening hours just want someone to talk to. Maureen also contacted A Woman's Friend and was told that they have not noticed an increase as a result of the billboard.

Heather stated she spoke with Lou Binninger about getting the DVD Maafa 21 out to the African-American community and was given the idea by him to show it at Yuba College. Heather will obtain the name of Lou's contact at Yuba College who heads up the interracial organization about getting it showed. Heather also stated she would like to have copies of the "Did You Know" supplement to give to the college after viewing.

Maureen would like to order one more copy of Maafa 21 to have to lend out. Hope and Kathleen would like to see the movie.

Maureen called the Appeal Democrat to find out the price of getting an advertising supplement inserted into 19,000 copies of the paper is \$988 for the non-profit rate. (Just for Girls/Guys). She then contacted HLI which produces them and the cost would be \$5,700 to print them plus \$700-\$800 to ship them; however, they said they may be able to get us a really good rate because of the quantity. Maureen stated the last time YSRTL put an advertising supplement in the newspaper we sent out a letter to all of our Newsletter subscribers asking for donations for the special project. Fran asked about getting it out to the area churches. John suggested we get it out to the churches and the Fair first and then ask if they thought it would be good to get into the newspaper. Maureen asked Heather to send the email version of the "Just for Girls/Guys" magazine to those present.

Hope asked about the possibility of having the magazine available to have at the High Schools in the counseling office. Hope suggested we start by talking to the Diane LaBaw who works at YCHS. Maureen will talk to Diane and Hope will talk to her husband who teaches there. Mike suggested having the magazines displayed in letter-sized stands at the fair to show both sides.

### **PRO-LIFE PRESENTATIONS:**

Maureen stated she met with Kathleen Delucca twice regarding putting together a prolife presentation for those interested in learning how to speak the pro-life message and/or give a presentation. She hopes to have a date towards the end of April. Hope said that "Sharing the Pro Life Message" has been revised and she purchased 40 of them to share with us. She has one in her car and will give it to Maureen.

# A WOMAN'S FRIEND WALK FOR LIFE:

The walk this year is on May 1 and the St. Isidore coordinators are Raphael & CiCi Pena.

#### YUBA-SUTTER FAIR:

Maureen stated she will need to go through the brochures she has in stock and evaluate them. Heather volunteered to help Maureen. The date will be on a Tuesday in late April or early May.

Kathleen asked about having electronic reading material for the younger fairgoers. Mike stated we may not be able to digitize them because they are copyrighted.

Hope stated she has a lot of the "Before You Choose" in English and Spanish if any are needed and Maureen stated she has enough of those.

### PLANNED PARENTHOOD PRAYER VIGIL:

The prayer vigil we had last week was attended by only Hope and Rick, but Hope said it went well with a lot of support shown by the passers-by with the exception of only one individual who gave a negative comment at the last vigil.

Hope sent an email to Air One and K-Love radio stations regarding their fundraiser for Susan G. Kommen regarding their affiliation with Planned Parenthood and was informed that this fundraiser is only for the Sacramento branch and the funds given to them will be used given to groups for breast cancer awareness and that there are instances in which Planned Parenthood is the only organization which low-income women have for breast cancer screening and treatment.

John stated he was in Big 5 Sporting Goods and was asked to donate \$1 to the March of Dimes and he told them about the fact that they support abortion.

Kathleen Caldwell asked if there was a way to find out which businesses support abortion and Maureen told her about the Boycott List. Kathleen asked for a copy and Maureen stated she would get it for her.

The next prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood will be April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-5pm.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Maureen talked about writing Letters to the Editor and mentioned Heather's letter which has yet to be published in the paper.

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Maureen showed the HLI Mission Field map showing how widespread abortion on demand is around the world.

Hope announced that the founder of Stand True Ministries started the first Walk for Life in Germany.

Mary Anne handed out a Sacramento newspaper (Sacramento News and Review March 18<sup>th</sup> edition, volume 21 issue 50) which did an article on Bishop Soto's participation in the WCWFL as well as one called "40 Days of Hassle", referring to the 40 Days for Life campaign which just ended.

#### ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **May 5, 2010**, at 7:00pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm and closed with a prayer led by Heather.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Pugh, Secretary