

Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

April 11, 2016 7:00PM—Muriel's Home

Present: Rose Mary Bell, Muriel Casavant, Nadine Ostermann, Terri Murrell, Karen Trautmann, Julie VanHoose

Opened with Mercy Chaplet

1. 40 Days for Life (Mar. 5th, St. Thomas More Day) Critique
 - We continue to have problems getting parishioners involved with this ministry
 - We will do the following next year in order to achieve more attendance
 1. Make it known via the Bulletin that the area on Auburn is safe
 2. Work with our new Youth Group leaders to see if we could get a bus of youth to join us
 - Make it known that this qualifies for Community Service Hours
 3. Get our parish Knights of Columbus Involved
 4. Get permission from Father Bill to hand out a flyer announcing STM Day
2. Cemetery of the Innocents (Feb. 20-Mar.4) (Mar. 25-Apr 7, 2017) Critique
 - Was noted that IHM provided snacks & drinks for this affair
 - We will attempt to do the same next year
 - Rose Mary will talk with Jane to get info as to how they go about managing this event at IHM
 - We will call Mrs. Hurley to see if the older kids will be able to daily spend just a short period of time identifying and repairing crosses which have become crooked or fallen down. Rose Mary will contact maintenance to see if they can supply a few mallets for this job.
3. Presentation on the Divine Mercy
 - Rose Mary & Muriel have received feedback from Rose's original attempt to reach the Marians.
 - Rose will follow up & determine if we should refer this to Becky
4. Pope Francis / Death Row Inmates in Ohio
 - We discussed that Pope Francis has requested Mercy for Prison Inmates and that the Death Penalty not be applied during this year of Mercy
 - Rose Mary brought info stating that Ohio has 136 men & one woman on death row
 - Terri will create a bulletin ad to denote the Pope's request
 - Nadine suggested that we might want to do a "Did You Know" corner for the Bulletin to drop tidbits of info on this subject to the Parishioners
5. Plan for March for Life Trip to Washington
 - After much discussion we decided to investigate the possibility of joining IHM or one of our local churches to discern if they will be sending a bus to the March in 2017
 - If so, we will promote this to our parishioners as early as possible in an effort to get participation
 - Then, the following year, determine if we should attempt to take a bus from St. Thomas More
 - Julie noted that we will need to identify many ways of fund raising to make this happen
6. Other Business:
 - Nadine is hosting a "Pearls for Diaper" Party to raise money for Pregnancy Center East
 - Karen announced her departure from the RL Committee due to other commitments in her busy life. She will be sorely missed.
7. Next Meeting: **Location: Muriel's Date: June 6 Time: 7:00PM**
8. Ended in Prayer