

Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

April 17, 2017 7:00PM—Muriel's Home

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

Opened with Mercy Chaplet

1. Cemetery of the Innocents (Mar. 25-Apr 7, 2017) Critique

- The installation was a challenge because not as many people showed up as usual
- Also Larry Sendelbach's crew was unavailable & we had to send out an SOS to request people to show up early to help with the stringing. Thank God! They answered the SOS.
- The bathrooms weren't opened as planned but Linda Bader opened them for us
- Due to bad weather the school kids were not able to help in the removal of the crosses
- We all pitched in, along with Linda Bader & her kids, & helped with the removal on Thursday evening & home schoolers came on Friday to finish the removal.
- Rose Mary called Larry & he came Thursday evening to get a head start on the removal
- We've decided not to rely on the children again but to plan for adults to oversee the removal
- We provided snacks & drinks this year and it went over very well
- We will attempt to do the same next year
- We would like the large sign to face east instead of straight toward the road
- We want someone to take pictures next year
- Rose Mary will send in a Thank You bulletin ad to Kate
- Rose Mary will get permission from Father Bill to do this again next year (3/3rd- 3/15th)
- Rose Mary will also contact Larry to get on next year's schedule

2. 40 Days for Life (April 1st, St. Thomas More Day) Critique

- We successfully provided coverage
- Linda Haas & Diane Meisman stayed from 1pm to 3pm
- We continue to have problems getting parishioners involved with this ministry
- We plan to each call 5 people with a personal invite for the next 40 Days STTM Day
- We want to draw more attention to Respect Life
- Julie & Rose Mary will attend the Worship Committee meeting and suggest that Respect Life Issues be added to the petitions
- We will also attempt to have a Respect Life issue prayer from the USCCB put in place of the Vocation Prayer when we draw near to Respect Life Sunday

3. 9 Months in the Womb

- The Archdiocese is once again promoting this program.
- Terri is going to investigate and see if we can get it up and running at St. Thomas More

4. Other Business:

- Was decided to create small announcement event cards for different events for us to hand out
 1. Terri will create a template for the event cards
- Terri brought info from Franciscan Ministries which we will discuss at the next meeting
- Nadine is going to host our next meeting. Each of us will bring a dish
 1. Julie-----Appetizer
 2. Nadine-----Meat
 3. Terri-----Salad & Rolls
 4. Muriel-----Vegetable
 5. Rose Mary----Dessert

5. Next Meeting: **Location: Nadine's Date: June 26 Time: 6:00PM**

6. Ended in Prayer