

# MINUTES RESPECT LIFE MEETING

Jan. 3, 2018--- 7:00PM—Muriel's House

Present: Rose Mary Bell, Muriel Casavant, Nadine Ostermann, Terri Murrell, Julie VanHoose & Guest Deacon John Convery

Opened with Mercy Chaplet

## 1. **Jan Prayer Vigil for the Unborn (Jan 17)**

- Muriel is finalizing the prayer service with Father Bill
- Father will determine if he or Deacon Michael will lead the service
- Muriel has last year's program and has noted changes to be made
- Muriel will see Kate to print the Programs
- Julie has the music CD for the Vigil
- Muriel will talk to Father Bill about Doug Stegeman doing the music
- Julie will then talk to Doug about the music
- Muriel has sent info to Sacred Heart Radio to have the Vigil advertised
- Rose Mary has filed the facility request
- Muriel will ask Karen Klysz to ring the bells
- Nadine will hang the Mercy Chaplet picture on the wall to the left of the Ambo
- Kathy Brannen will do the readings for the service
- Kathy will set up the Altar and assist with preparations
- Rose Mary will have the service advertised on the Marquee & Web Site
- Rose Mary will create a pulpit announcement & send to Deacon Michael
- Muriel will create posters and have them placed in the entrances to the church
- Rose will contact St. Bernadette & St. Veronica to ask them to advertise the event in their bulletins
- Everyone will call or email invites to as many as possible
- Muriel will send all a copy of the ad which went to Sacred Heart Radio to use in emails
- Terri will ask Becky to announce the event at the Dedicated Disciple gathering & RCIA
- Muriel & Rose will send a flyer to the parents of RCIY

## 2. **40 Days for Life (Feb 14 – Mar 25)**

- We will once again support this ministry
- Rose Mary will see Father for a date for STTM Day
- We would like either Feb 17<sup>th</sup> or March 10 for STTM Day
- Rose Mary will then sign us up on the 40 Days for Life site
- Muriel will make the sign-up sheets to be placed in the vestibule
- Rose Mary will do Bulletin announcements & send to Kate
- Terri will order an event card bookmark for STTM Day (donated by Terri)
- Julie will inform homeschoolers
- Rose Mary will send pulpit announcements to Deacon Michael
- Rose Mary will try to get STTM Day advertised on the Web Site
- Once we have the date for STTM Day we will assign time slots from 9am to 3pm

## 3. **Laminated Book Mark (Immaculata of St. Maximillian Kolby) with Prayer for Life**

- Deacon John presented the idea of creating this book mark with prayer to be given to parishioners
- Rose Mary will talk immediately to Father Bill to seek permission to have the bookmarks made and to get the prayer on the Worship Aid in place of the Vocation Prayer on the weekend of Jan 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in honor of the March for Life
- As a backup prayer, Rose Mary will look up last year's prayer for Respect Life Sunday
- We have also chosen another prayer card/ bookmark if Father doesn't accept this one

#### 4. **Archdiocese Request for Letter Assistance in Support of the Pain Capability Act**

- Deacon John Presented info on this subject
- Deacon John suggested that we consider hosting a letter signing campaign in an attempt to get Parishioners to sign letters for both Senator Portman & Brown in support of the PC Act.
- We would then take them to the Archdiocese to be taken to the March for Life
- After viewing the information and discussing the topic it was decided that Rose Mary will immediately seek Father Bill's permission for us to take on this task
- If permission is granted, we will:
  1. Send copies of the letters to Kate in hopes of having 150 copies made of each letter (Rose)
  2. Have the letters picked up (Muriel)
  3. Create a pulpit announcement for the campaign (Rose Mary)
  4. Man tables (with clipboards as needed) after all masses on the weekend of Jan 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>
  5. Have copies of letters for the Senators available & ready for signatures
  6. Supply a box with a slot for us to store signed letters (Terri)
  7. Each get our own family members to sign letters
  8. Take letters to the Epiphany Celebration to get signed (Terri)
  9. Ask Becky if we can present them at the Discipleship Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> in hopes of getting signatures (Terri)
  10. Make a poster board to advertise the letters (Terri)
  11. Ask the Deacons and their wives to help man the tables (To be decided)
  12. Will deliver signed letters to the Archdiocese on the 16<sup>th</sup> (Rose Mary)
- Present Schedule of those manning tables after Masses:
  - Sat- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> -----4pm, Terri, Deacon John & Gail
  - Sun-Jan 14<sup>th</sup>-----8am, Muriel, Julie & Rose Mary
  - 10am, Nadine, Terri & Julie
  - 12pm, Muriel, Terri & Rose Mary

#### 5. **Cemetery of the Innocents (Feb. 24 – Mar 9)**

- Deacon John suggested that we get info to him about this and he will advertise it to Elizabeth Seton
- Father Bill needs to be reminded
- Rose Mary will let Mr. Sendelbach know what time the removal will be.
- Rose Mary will send Pulpit Announcements to Deacon Michael
- Muriel will contact Dick Bader to determine if the Boy Scouts can assist with installation
- Julie will see if the Knights of Columbus can help
- Muriel & Terri will check to see if we can serve hot chocolate , cookies & water
- Rose Mary will contact Dick Berish about putting this on the Marquee
- Rose Mary will ask Father put info on Marquee with numbers of daily abortions
- Terri will utilize the email distribution list to invite more volunteers.
- Nadine will contact McNick

- We will once again attempt to utilize the school children to assist with the cross removal
- Nadine will contact Mrs. Candace Hurley for this
- Rose Mary will file facility request for the church and the bathrooms
- Terri will bring trash bags & white table
- Table will be set up by the bathrooms
- We will attempt to take pictures of the event
- Rose Mary will discuss with Larry the night before to determine cancellation. If cancelled:
  1. Rose Mary will text & email all of us
  2. Rose Mary will alert church to cancel the facility request
  3. Everyone will need to notify whomever they originally notified of the installation
  4. Terri will post signs on the church doors
- If cancelled Terri will post signs on church doors
- If cancelled, Rose Mary will send a text & email to each of us
- We will all attempt to notify as many as possible about the cancellation via email, text, etc

#### 6. **Event Cards**

- A Work in Progress

#### 7. **Annual Social (Review)**

- Our social was once again hosted by our own Nadine Ostermann and her wonderful husband Joe.
- They welcomed us into their lovely home which was beautifully decorated for the season
- It was a friendly and informal affair & a great time was had by all
- Father Bill, Deacon Fred & Linda Haas, Deacon Bob & Vickey Brazier, Deacon Michael & Mary Kay Thomas and Deacon John & Gail Convery joined us.
- It was a delightful evening with scrumptious food, animated and at times hilarious conversation
- We played a quiz game with our guest to determine how much they knew about our Respect Life Ministry and was pleasantly surprised

#### 8. **Presentation & Food for RCIA (Review)**

- Rose Mary gave the presentation and handed out the following material
  1. A flyer addressing a variety of the projects which we work on throughout the year
- The food was received well with many compliments
- We received a lovely thank you card from Patricia Braun on behalf of the RCIA & RCIY

9. **Next Meeting :**    **Location: Muriel's**    **Date: Feb. 6**    **Time: 7:00PM**

10. **Ended in Prayer Alleluia!!!!**