

# Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

July 13, 2011

The meeting was held at Muriel Casavant's.

Those present were Rose Mary Bell, Muriel Casavant, Nadine Ostermann, Terri Murrell, & Rita Miller

Opened with Prayer

Old Business: Did not review the previous minutes, had been done earlier via e-mail

New Business:

1. Cemetery of the Innocent

❖ Rose Mary reported that she had talked with Melanie Wade with RTL and everything is in place to get the crosses for the Oct. installation of the cemetery.

❖ **Terri will seek help from the youth group with the installation.**

2. Report on the Respect Life Booth at July Fest

❖ Muriel worked the nursery and did not get to work the RL Booth

❖ Nadine reported that our presence was well received as was the materials which we were given by the RTL office and the Archdiocese. Nadine shared that people were amazed to learn how developed the baby was in the early stages of pregnancy. We decided to order more babies, suckers, pencils, etc. for next year's festival.

❖ Rose Mary gave out RTL rosaries to the committee. She had received them from the diocese office. We were all touched by the rosaries & the meaning of each colored bead.

3. St. Thomas More hosting a RTL sponsored night for the youth.

❖ **Terri is waiting to hear from the EDGE about this taking place.**

4. Web Site & Ministry Flow Chart for all ministries in the church

❖ Rose Mary reported that the Web Site which we created for RL was rejected by the parish. Even so, we (RL) are now listed under organizations on the church Web Site. They used the info which we had developed for the church directory. **It was noted that Terri's name was misspelled on the site and Rose Mary will get it corrected.**

❖ Rose Mary has not yet created the ministry flow chart but hopes to have it ready to present at the next month's meeting

5. Ministry Fair/ Social with the other ministry leaders

❖ Rose Mary reported that Father Wagner doesn't desire a ministry fair at this time.

❖ Nadine shared that there is something similar being planned. **She will follow up to determine what it is.** We will later decide if we want to pursue the possibility of planning a social to coincide with the event.

6. Present Ads in the church Bulletin

- ❖ We discussed the ads which we have presently running in the Bulletin. Those are Theology of the Body Classes at Ruah Woods, After 40 Days for Life praying at Auburn Facility, and the Gay/L/B Transgendered meetings. Rose Mary found another ad for the G/L/B group. It was for a group called Courage which is meeting locally versus in Dayton. Everyone liked this ad better and so **Rose Mary will follow up with getting it put in the bulletin on a regular basis.**

7. Prison Ministries Kairos

- ❖ Rose Mary shared that she had ordered a DVD but it hasn't arrived yet. **She will follow up.**
- ❖ It was determined that we will promote making cookies for the fall weekend at Warren Correctional. The Cookies will be due on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Rose Mary will gather all needed data on the cookies, i.e. packaging etc.**
- ❖ **Terri will talk to youth group and PSR about their involvement**
- ❖ **Nadine will talk to Peg about the school's involvement**

8. March for Life Bus 2012 for youth group

- ❖ Nadine reported that there is really nothing for us to do at this point. We will discuss more at next month's meeting

9. Parishes for life Request

- ❖ Rose Mary reported that she told Julie Keifer who is one of STTM's representatives for Parishes for Life, that she will accept e-mails in reference to current issues about Respect Life. But she hasn't received any as of yet.
- ❖ Also, that Terri was willing to receive e-mails in reference to the Ohioans application to stop executions in Ohio. Terri has received one e-mail and noted that someone had already put the info in the bulletin.

10. 40 Day for life at STTM

- ❖ **It was decided that Terri will create a series of ads to go into the bulletin to advertise the fall 40 Days for Life campaign which is scheduled for Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Also we will be advertising especially for Friday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> which is the day we have adopted for STTM**
- ❖ It is our hope to also get St. Thomas More Day advertised from the pulpit.
- ❖ **Rose Mary will send the Ads on 40 Days for Life, which she received from Mary Clark, to Terri as an aid.**

11. New Business from Elizabeth Ministry

- ❖ Muriel reported that Maria Pour from the Elizabeth Ministry has requested our help with creating a program for the church in reference to End of Life care. **Rita is going to research this.** If we can find a program in place, we will consider taking on the task. If not, we will probably not be able to help due to the many projects we are already involved with.

- ❖ **Muriel will call Maria and inform her of our position.**

12. Human Life Chain & Respect Life Sunday Oct. 2nd

- ❖ Discussed these topics and it was noted that the signs which are provided by RTL only address abortion issues. We decided that we need a wider variety of signs which address the many other RL issues. IE, death penalty, end of life issues, cloning, etc. **Terri will discuss with the youth group the possibility of making new signs.**

13. Meeting was adjourned with prayer:

14. Next Meeting: **Location: Muriel's, Time 7PM, Date: August 10**