

# Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

June, 1, 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 Father Bill has okayed us to erect the Cemetery in the fall (800 Crosses) and the larger Cemetery (4000 Crosses) next Lent. We are hoping to install the smaller cemetery Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup> if we can get the crosses from RTL via Melanie Wade ([melaniewade@comcast.net](mailto:melaniewade@comcast.net)) at 812-637-8833. **(Rose has sent an inquiry to Melanie)** The dates for the larger Cemetery are scheduled for Mar. 17-Mar. 30 via Larry & Kay Sendelback @ 859-441-2712.
- ❖ Rose did a follow up with Jane Elfers, of IHM, and explained our hesitance to move back the dates for the installation of the large Cemetery, citing weather conditions. We did however change the original dates for the installation to facilitate IHM.

## 2. Preparing for the Respect Life Booth at July Fest

- ❖ Rose brought in a variety of brochures from the local RTL office. She also brought examples of stickers, pencils and suckers. It was decided that next year we will try to order these last 3 items to give out at the booth. It was noted that RTL said it was too late to order them at present. **Rose Mary will pick up more brochures at the Diocese of Cin. Office down town & Nadine will get brochures from Pregnancy Center East.**
- ❖ The Truth Booth. It was decided to table this item for now, in lieu of the many other projects we are working on or seeking to work on.

## 3. Clermont County Right to Life Sponsor of a movie, pizza, T-Shirt for our youth

- ❖ **Terri is meeting with the youth group on Thursday and will at that time inform them of this offer.**

## 4. Creating a Flow Chart for all RL Ministries in the church

- ❖ This was discussed and it was decided to continue working on this project. **Rose Mary is going to take the info which Nadine has gathered and try to create an 8 x 14" chart in Excel.** After the flow chart is completed, it is our goal to get it placed in the Vestibule for the parishioners
- ❖ We also discussed the possibility of hosting a Ministry Fair. Nadine shared that there was one already being planned. **Rose will call Becky to get details about this and suggest to Becky the possibility of preceding the ministry with a dinner for the ministry leaders of the church in an effort for everyone to get to know each other.**

5. Run For Life 2011 Team (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

- ❖ Muriel shared that the event was only attended by 3 families from St. Thomas More. Even so, those who attended greatly enjoyed the event and \$380.00 was made for the RTL ministry. They had balloons, face painting, kites, etc. for the children & as well as door prizes and a picnic.

6. Present Ads in the church Bulletin

- ❖ Was noted that we have 4 ads running in the bulletin. S. Heart Radio should run 4 more times in June. We also have a poster advertising the event. We weren't allowed (due to church policy) to put the S. Heart poster in the vestibule but did put it on the church board.
- ❖ Cross the Bridge for Life ran throughout May & several of us are attending the event
- ❖ Theology of the Body Classes at Ruah Woods (**Rose will follow up and see if this can be put in the bulletin on going for the summer.**)
- ❖ After 40 Days for Life praying at Auburn Facility (**Rose will follow up on this one also and attempt to get it in the bulletin throughout the summer.**)

7. Prison Ministries

- ❖ Rose Mary shared more info on Kairos and the cookie ministry. It was decided to do the cookies for Lebanon facility in Sept. Our Committee wants more info on the Kairos Ministry. **Rose Mary will order a DVD which is available.** It was noted that we can use store bought dough but there are many restrictions which we will have to follow.
- ❖ We also discussed the possibility of passing out baggies with directions for making the cookies at the ministry fair & maybe even a cookie. (?)
- ❖ We discussed the Angel Tree ministry and decided to revisit this at a later date.

8. Web Site for Respect Life on STTM site

- ❖ Rose Mary is still working on this project. She has corresponded with Mike Gennett, St. Thomas More's web administrator and has been directed to work with Deacon John who will then send the data to Mike. Mike has advised us to make a very simple site with just pertinent data in reference to the ministry. We would like to do a much more exciting and colorful site. **We will make the pitch and see if we can pull it off.**

9. March for Life Bus 2012 for youth group

- ❖ Nadine presented in depth info on this subject. We are all excited about the possibility of bringing this adventure to our youth. **Nadine will follow up and confirm our next step.**

#### 10. Parishes for life Request

- ❖ Rose Mary has been contacted by Julie Keifer who is one of STTM's representatives for Parishes for Life. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is seeking someone to accept e-mails in reference to current issues about Respect Life. **Rose Mary has agreed to do this.**
- ❖ Also, they are in need of someone to be a contact person for the Ohioans application to stop executions in Ohio. Although not for sure exactly what that will entail, **Terri is going to give it a shot. Only with receiving e-mails. No phone calls.**
- ❖ **Rose Mary will get this info to Julie or the Diocese.**

#### 11. 40 Day for life at STTM

- ❖ Discussed 40 Days for Life which is scheduled for Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> –Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to adopt Friday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> as St. Thomas More Day. We thought we might be able to promote this at the ministry fair. **Rose Mary will have the ads put in the bulletin beginning in August to help promote the success of the event.**
- ❖ We are in hopes of getting the youth involved this time

#### 12. Prayer Vigil at the local PPH

- ❖ Only had a short discussion on this as we have elected to try to promote this more vigorously when we are better acquainted with other ministry leaders in the church.

#### 13. Other items of interest were:

- ❖ Nadine brought an ad on “St. Vincent De Paul Branch Out” for the youth. **Terri will present this to the youth leader**
- ❖ Respect Life Sunday in Oct. and the Life Chain. **Rose Mary will get info on this.**
- ❖ Ad in bulletin for support group for Gay/L/B/Transgendered. **Rose Mary will do this.**
- ❖ Invited our committee members to attend an evening of renewal at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center July 14.

#### 14. Meeting was adjourned with prayer:

15. Next Meeting: **Location: Muriel's, Time 7PM, Date: July 13th**