

Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

Nov. 2, 2011

The meeting was held at Muriel Casavant's.

Those present were Rose Mary Bell, Muriel Casavant, Nadine Ostermann, Rita Miller and Jane Elfers

Opened with Prayer

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

New Business: Jane Elfers from IHM joined us to observe how we run our meetings and what we are presently working on. It was nice having Jane and we look forward to getting to know her better as we work hand in hand promoting Respect Life issues to our neighborhood.

1. Cemetery of the Innocent (Oct. 8-23)

- ❖ Nadine and Terri picked up the crosses, Rose Mary & her son returned them
- ❖ Although we placed an ad in the bulletin requesting help to set up the cemetery, and Linda Bader requested help from the PSR families, not many people came out to set it up but plenty were there to remove it.
- ❖ We discussed the Large Cemetery which is to be erected in March. It will be essential that we have plenty of help to erect the cemetery. Jane shared that we will probably need 75 volunteers so we have decided to attempt to get 100. We hope to accomplish this by:
 - ❖ Creating a trifold and advertise at the Jan. March for Life All Night Vigil at church and try to get people to sign up
 - ❖ **Rose will try to get it advertised on the church web site**
 - ❖ **Rose will try to reserve the church Marquee**
 - ❖ **Rose will run ads in the bulletin**
 - ❖ We will try to connect with the Men's CHRP group via Deacon Michael
 - ❖ We will ask for help at the March Fellowship Pot Luck Social

2. 40 Days for Life

- ❖ Discussed how to get more people out to pray. Along with avenues discussed last month, it was suggested that we call friends and acquaintances and invite them to join us at the abortion facility making it a more personal experience.
- ❖ We do plan to do this again for Lent and have laid out more strategy in last month's minutes.
- ❖ **Rose Mary will put a Thank you notice in the bulletin after we have received data from Mary Clark on the success of the current 40 Days for Life.**

3. Prison Ministries Kairos Project

- ❖ We were successful in getting this talked up from the pulpit and advertised to the parishioners.
- ❖ With the help from Peg Fisher at the school, Linda Bader with PSR, and the Youth Group, we were able to collect 199 dozen cookies and many place mats which were created by the children for the upcoming women's Kairos weekend. Much thanks goes to Nadine for all of her hard work on this project.
- ❖ Rose Mary noted that someone has put an announcement in the upcoming bulletin giving details of the success of the project. **Rose Mary will follow up with another bulletin notice after we have details from the Kairos weekend.**
- ❖ **Nadine will talk with Peg Fisher, Linda Bader and the Youth Group to see if they are interested in doing this project again next year.**
- ❖ We are going to give a Kairos Video to Deacon Michael to help him understand better the ongoing success of this ministry with prisoners

4. March for Life & All Night Vigil

- ❖ Nadine has given necessary info to Connie Stricker about the March for Life event for the youth and talked to the Youth Group.
- ❖ **Rose Mary is going to see if she can get a video about the March for Life to show to the youth in order to get them excited about the event.**
- ❖ The All Night Vigil at church has been Okayed by Father Wagner with the following parameters.
 - ❖ Two certified adults must be present during the entire event.
 - ❖ The church needs a list showing which two adults are scheduled for what times through the night since each adult may not be there the entire time.
 - ❖ The certified adults must have cell phones with them to make an emergency call if necessary.
 - ❖ If the event is scheduled to start at 7 pm on Saturday, 1/21/12, a porter will be assigned to unlock the church.
 - ❖ Only one side entrance door to the church will be unlocked.
 - ❖ The parish dining hall is not available on Saturday, 1/21/12, until after 10 pm due to a Scrapbooking event that is already scheduled.
 - ❖ The main entrance doors into the building will not be unlocked so access to the parish dining room will be from the inside only.
 - ❖ The adults will need to remain here until the church is scheduled to be unlocked at 7 am on Sunday morning for Mass.
 - ❖ We will need to make sure the parish dining hall and kitchen are clean when the event is over.
 - ❖ If snow is expected, the event may need to be cancelled. No snow removal will be provided during the event.

- ❖ **Nadine is going to try to set up a meeting with Becky to discuss the All Night Vigil to get more details because Becky has done this before.**
- ❖ **Rose will try to reserve the church Marquee for the All Night Vigil**
- ❖ **Nadine will turn in the Facility request asking for the event to go from 8:00PM to 8:00AM which will end the event with the 8am Mass.**
- ❖ Both Muriel and Rita are certified and will be at the event
- ❖ **Rita will help with organizing the All Night Vigil**

5. Money for Catholic Telegraph:

- ❖ Rose Mary shared that she had paid the \$50.00 for the Catholic Telegraph to get STTM listed as a supporter of Right To Life

6. Advertise for New Members:

- ❖ We decided to advertise for New Members. **Rose Mary will run the ad in the bulletin.**

7. RCIA

- ❖ Charlene Keifer called and ask if we (RL) could trade days with her and present our ministry to the RCIA members along with feeding them on 12/18. We agreed. **Rose Mary will do a short presentation and Rita will supply food. Rose Mary will get more details from Becky.**

8. Next Year's RL Schedule

- ❖ It was decided to continue meeting on Wednesday s

9. Meeting was adjourned with prayer:

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