

Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

Aug. 10, 2011

The meeting was held at Muriel Casavant's.

Those present were Rose Mary Bell, Muriel Casavant, Nadine Ostermann, and Terri Murrell

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 (Oct. 8-23)
 - ❖ All seems to be on track for this event. More planning next month
 - ❖ Terri will be talking to youth group tomorrow night to obtain participation
2. St. Thomas More hosting RTL Sponsored Night for our youth.
 - ❖ Terri is meeting with youth group tomorrow night to discuss this event.
3. Ministry Brochure (Flow Chart)
 - ❖ Rose Mary took the info which Nadine had collected for a flow chart and created a brochure. She presented the 1st draft which listed the majority of the church ministries. It was received well and several suggestions were made to refine the brochure. **Rose Mary will make the changes discussed and we will review again next month.**
 - ❖ **Muriel will get a cost of printing it in both black and white and color**
 - ❖ If they are accepted by the church, we thought perhaps we could give them to new parishioners as well as have them in the vestibule with the other brochures.
4. Ministry Fellowship Social with the other ministry leaders
 - ❖ Nadine has put in a call in to Becky Ready about the Fall Faith Fair and is waiting to hear back from her. We will discuss more next month including if we (RLC) want to host a social to coincide with the Fall Faith Fair.
5. Present Ads in the church Bulletin
 - ❖ Ads running at this time are Theology of the Body at Ruah Woods, After 40 Days for Life praying at Auburn Facility and Courage for G/L/B/Transgendered.
 - ❖ We discussed the "Courage" ad and noted that we hadn't seen it in the bulletin recently. **Rose Mary will follow up to be sure it gets in the bulletin periodically.**
 - ❖ We discussed the need to start running ads for the upcoming Fall 40 Days for Life and the day (Sept. 30th) which we (STTM) are adopting. **(See item 8).**

- ❖ We also reviewed an ad on Ruah Woods Annual Celebration. **Terri will send to Rose Mary and she will send to Kate.**
- ❖ Terri brought in a flyer on “Freedom and Healing through Forgiveness” to be presented Oct. 15 in St. Leon, In. It was suggested that we all attend as a group. Decided to do this and to advertise in the church Bulletin. **Rose will take care of the ad in the Bulletin.**

6. Prison Ministries Kairos & Angel Tree

- ❖ Rose Mary said the Kairos DVD still has not arrived. **Rose will continue to follow up in an effort to get it.**
- ❖ We discussed the picture of Jesus that an inmate had drawn after making a Kairos weekend. It also had signatures of other inmates who also were on the weekend. We thought it might be useful for presentation purposes when we start talking to those who will be making cookies. **Rose will try to find it.**
- ❖ **Terri is meeting with Tri Edge tomorrow to discuss their participation with making cookies** for the Nov. Kairos weekend at the Warren Correctional facility. The Cookies will be due on Oct. 28th.
- ❖ **Terri will talk to PSR about getting them involved.**
- ❖ **Nadine will talk to Peg about the school’s involvement**
- ❖ Rose noted that she had watched the Angel Tree DVD and thought we should consider that as our prison project for 2012. Muriel is going to watch the DVD and get it to Rita to watch, and we will then make a decision.

7. March for Life Bus 2012 for youth group

- ❖ Nadine reported that the tickets for the Rally for Life and Youth Mass sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington must be ordered by September 8, 2012. She has sent an email to Becky and Connie and is waiting for a reply. Since there is no cost to us, **Nadine is going to order the tickets.**

8. 40 Days for Life (Sept. 28th –Nov. 6th)

- ❖ Rose Mary had a variety of 40 Days for Life ads which she had received from Mary Clark. Rose sent them to Terri.
- ❖ **Terri is reworking the ads to go into the bulletin**
- ❖ Nadine brought up the next Friday evening praying for 40 Days in between. We all decided to attend and attempt to get a carpool set up. **Rose will work on getting the 40 Days ad in the bulletin along with Terri’s cell phone for a contact for carpooling.**
- ❖ **Rose will talk with Deacon Mike about getting sign-up sheets put up in the vestibule and possibly get him to advertise STTM day from the pulpit.**

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

- ❖ **Terri will discuss with the youth group tomorrow, the possibility of making new signs.**
- ❖ Rose talked with Mike Gennett and he assured her that all paperwork is in place to facilitate the event at the church.

10. Program for End of Life Concerns

- ❖ Muriel reported that Rita is still working on this issue. We will discuss next month.
- ❖ Nadine did suggest to Muriel that Rita might investigate the Priest for Life site, given that they are the ones who developed the Spiritual Adoption Program.

11. Meeting was adjourned with prayer:

12. Next Meeting: **Location: Muriel's, Time 7PM, Date: Sept.7**