

Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

Oct. 5, 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)

- ❖ **Nadine will be picking up the crosses. Hoping the youth group will be helping with the installation**
- ❖ **Rose Mary will be returning the crosses**
- ❖ Rose Mary put an ad in the bulletin asking for volunteers to assist in the set up and removal of the crosses
- ❖ Linda Bader with PSR also requested help via the Parent Talk

2. Ministry Brochure (Flow Chart)

- ❖ Rose Mary noted that she will finish the brochure/flow chart when the church directory/ guide book is published which will be in Nov. At that time we will once again review it and present it to Father for acceptance

3. Ministry Fellowship/ Social with the other ministry leaders

- ❖ Nadine spoke with Becky and Father Bill about a Pot Luck for the ministry leaders which we (RL Committee) will plan and host. Father is open to the idea and we have a date of March 1st, 2012
- ❖ **We will begin to send notices to leaders about the Pot Luck / Social in late January after March for Life**
- ❖ **We will make calls after the notices are sent**
- ❖ **We will then send official invites requesting RSVP**

4. "Freedom & Healing Through Forgiveness" Conference, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Oct. 15th.

- ❖ **We are all to meet at Nadine's at 7am and carpool with her**
- ❖ **Bulletin notice will run again in the bulletin Sunday 10/9th**

5. 40 Days for Life

- ❖ Discussed our first effort to get the parishioners involved with STTM Day
 - ❖ Rose ran ads but there was confusion in reference to which ads were ran
 - ❖ Muriel created sign-up sheets

- ❖ Rose created pulpit talk which wasn't used
 - ❖ Was noted that parishioner involvement was limited. Was decided that in the next STTM Adopted 40 Days for Life Day we will:
 - ❖ Get Father Bill involved
 - ❖ Have pulpit announcements couple of weeks before STTM Day
 - ❖ More Bulletin notices (watch for accuracy)
 - ❖ Notice on the church marquee
 - ❖ Sign-up sheets available sooner
 - ❖ Notice on the Church Web Site
 - ❖ It was good to see that STTM is listed as a supporter of 40 Days for Life with RTL
 - ❖ It was noted that we were all blessed from our experiences of praying at the abortion clinic
6. Present Ads in the church Bulletin:
- ❖ Theology of the Body at Ruah Woods,
 - ❖ 40 Days for Life praying at Auburn Facility
 - ❖ Freedom for Healing Through Forgiveness Conference
 - ❖ Request for help to set up the Cemetery of the Innocent in Oct.
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7. Prison Ministries Kairos
- ❖ Rose Mary watched the Kairos DVD and then played a small portion of it to the group. It was very uplifting to see how the prisoners are being affected and changed by the Kairos ministry
 - ❖ Rose left the DVD with Muriel to watch and then pass on to Nadine, Terri, & Rita
 - ❖ **Terri and Nadine will continue working with Peg Fisher, Linda Bader, & the youth ministry to get involvement with making cookies for the upcoming women's prison ministry in Marysville, Oh.**
 - ❖ **Nadine will continue to coordinate the cookie pickup with Colleen at Kairos**
 - ❖ It was decided that we would also advertise the project to the parishioners giving them a chance to make cookies. **Rose Mary will create an ad for the bulletin explaining Kairos and the cookie project. She will also create an ad for a pulpit talk. She will also make copies of the instructions for making the cookies and place the copies in the vestibule.**

- ❖ Nadine noted that the children in PSR and the school will also be making place mats for the Kairos Weekend. We received 100 of the mats from Terry with Kairos
8. Respect Life Sunday Oct. 2nd (What went well and what didn't)
- ❖ We were not allowed to stuff bulletins w/Respect Life materials as we had hoped
 - ❖ We sat up a table with Respect Life materials in the vestibule along with an easel and put this year's Respect Life poster on it. But due to the lack of info which went out to the parishioners it was obvious that they weren't aware of what we were trying to achieve.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR NEXT YEAR

- ❖ Get Father Bill involved
 - ❖ Have pulpit announcements couple of weeks before Respect Life Sunday
 - ❖ More Bulletin notices
 - ❖ Notice on the church marquee
 - ❖ Notice on the church Web Site
 - ❖ More info to the parishioners and ongoing for a few weeks
 - ❖ STTM did host the Life Chain and it was noted that we had a bigger turn out than last year. Only a few people came to the rally which followed but we think there would have been more if we had known of, and advertised Paula Westwood's presence.
9. March for Life
- ❖ **Nadine is going to create a packet for Connie Stricker**
 - ❖ **Nadine will talk with Becky about an All-Night Vigil at the church during March for Life event in Washington.**
10. Extra Item:
- ❖ Was brought up that we need to know if we should be sending in \$50.00 to register STTM with Catholic Telegraph as a supporter of RTL. **Rose will call Catholic Telegraph.**
11. Meeting was adjourned with prayer:
12. Next Meeting: **Location: Muriel's, Time 7PM, Date: Nov. 2nd**