

Respect Life Committee

Sept. 1, 2009

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Members present: Jackie Karman, Roland Starszak, Mary Komorowski, Mary Ann Kolodzinski, Marilyn Gass, Carolyn Knaffla, Dorothy Parzych Excused: Paul Kitinger

Opening Prayer:

Reflection: Dorothy read a reflection from a nine day Novena for Respect Life

Education: Dorothy showed various action alerts from the US Bishops and WI Right to Life regarding the health care reform bills. Right now the bill(3200) would fund abortions, ration and maybe, deny care based on age, disabilities, etc.

Overview of last year-2008-2009

Sept. Ministry Fair- We had 8 people sign up to help for our various activities.

October-Respect Life month activities-

Insert in bulletin-Insert from the USCCB was put in the bulletin.

Handouts-Prayer cards with a pro-life message were handed out.

Bulletin articles –Alice found info and put it in the bulletin each week.

Reaching Out-

Holy Hour for Peace- Southern Cross Collaboration-Oct. 26 at St. Louis. There were about 40 people in attendance.

Nov. 19- Special Meeting to set up Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Babies program- the dates and times of the program were decided on. Also, we decided to have a letter about the program, a prayer card, and the brochure showing the development of the baby given out to those who signed up.

Jan.-Pin Sale-Jan. 24-25 Carolyn chaired the sale. Made \$195.75

-Postcards were sent to legislators regarding FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) on Jan.24-25.

-Started the Spiritual Adoption Program-

Sign-up Jan.17-18-160 people signed up

Gave out prayer card, etc. Jan. 24-25

Articles in bulletin monthly-Mary Komorowski

Poster put in hallway monthly-Dorothy

-Pencils and bookmarks with a pro-life message given to third graders in the day school and Religious Ed. program.

March-Parish Council Meeting-Paul and Dorothy attended.

Pro-life Stations of the Cross-Roland Starszak and Dorothy Parzych led the Stations in the Little Brick Church on a Wed. during Lent.

May- Rose Sale-Dorothy Parzych chaired the sale
32 dozen sold. \$664 was sent to WI Right to Life.

Actionable Items-Events for the coming year:

Discussion and consensus:

Chairperson or co-chairs for this committee-Dorothy will remain as chairperson unless a volunteer comes forward.

Sept.-Ministry Fair-Sept. 12-13 Dorothy will set-up with brochures, a poster, info. and a sign-up sheet. Committee members volunteered to be at the table after each mass.

Oct.-Respect Life Month-What are we going to do this year?

Order of worship-Dorothy will contact Judy Wargin to have a prayer put in the Order of Worship. We will ask Father to say the prayer with everyone at the end of each mass during the month of Oct.

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower-Oct. 3-4

Mary will put 2 bulletin announcements in the bulletin. Dorothy will get 2 balloons(pink & blue), have a table decorated, and put playpens next to it for gifts that are donated. Committee members will be at the table after each mass to thank the participants. Baby gifts will go to Pregnancy Help Canter and Rosalie Manor.

Reaching Out-Dorothy will contact the committee to see if they need help with delivery of items collected at the baby shower.

Posters-The one from USCCB will be put up during the month of Oct.

Bulletin articles-Please submit any ideas to Dorothy.

Hand-outs-We will hand out pro-life bookmarks after each mass on Oct. 17-18. Committee members volunteered to hand out after mass with their families.

Jan-Pin Sale-

Date-Jan.16-17, 2010

Chairperson-Carolyn & Mary

Pencils and bookmarks will be given to 3rd graders again.

We decided to do Spiritual adoption program again. This time we will hand out the prayer card etc. the same day that people sign up. **We will meet on Nov. 4 at 6:30PM to organize the Spiritual Adoption program for 2010.**

May-Rose Sale-Mother's Day, **May 8-9**

Chairperson- Dorothy

Order the same amount this time

Other- Respect Life Stations of the Cross- Roland and Dorothy agreed to offer to do the Stations of the Cross during Lent again.

Health Care Alerts-Dorothy will put these in the bulletin as soon as possible.

Social Ministry Convocation- Sept. 29 from 6:30-9:00PM.

Southern Cross Human Concerns Meeting-Next meeting is Sept.15, 6:30 PM at St. Mary's.

Blessing of Animals Oct.4 at 1 PM. at the Eco-Justice Center in Racine

Parish Council Meeting- No info at this time

Religious Ed-Dorothy will talk to Shelly to see what is needed if we have any funds.

New ideas-Mary told us about a statue of a Mother and child with a bench to meditate outside of St. Veronica's Church. It might be a good idea to look into purchasing something like this with our funds.

Closing prayer: