

Minutes from SPRLC on Monday, September 12, 2011, @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Barb Riley, Jaimie Kunecke, Rita Dotson, Elaine & Ron Ahles, Donna Dillinger, and Mary & Landree Rennpage.

We opened with our Prayer for Life.

The minutes from August 1, 2011, were approved as written. All future minutes will be sent to the Spartan webmaster so they can be posted to the website.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A new list of accomplishments was prepared and sent to Jan Kahle @ the Diocese. Mary will forward them to everyone on the email list as well.

VIP: We decided to prepare a packet for the VIP program again this year. Barb will give Donna a book of Saints to look over. Then we will order a holy card and a medal for the students.

HEARTBEAT BILL RALLY: Ashland Care Center along with Pro-Life Ohio is sponsoring a bus trip to Columbus on Tuesday, September 20, from 11 am – 2 pm. The cost is \$25. Contact Bonnie Oleska if interested at 419-687-6761. H. B. 125 would make abortions illegal after a fetal heartbeat is detected. It was passed by the Ohio House of Representatives and moves now to the Ohio Senate. They have quite an impressive list of speakers for the rally. Mary will ask Father Hite if we can put this in the bulletin as an insert. Attendees are encouraged to wear red.

VIGILS: A federal judge is now considering arguments with regard to Ohio's death penalty procedure. We are encouraged to call or write Governor Kasich & our state legislatures to eliminate the death penalty in Ohio. The next vigils are October 17 and November 14. We would like to put a prayer in the bulletin before an execution for the conversion of the prisoner. We will check with Father Tom and Father Hite in this regard.

INNOCENCE & THE DEATH PENALTY: Lynne Lukach will be attending this seminar in Brunswick on Thursday, September 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please contact Lynne if you would be interested in attending.

RPS BANQUET: The annual RPS banquet will be Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th. Mary will reserve 2 tables for Friday night. Please plan to attend and let me know early enough so we can get another table if needed. The speaker is Bruce Wilkinson, author of more than 60 books.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: RPS raised more than \$32,000 with this project. St. Peter's did not have a good participation and many of the bottles were not returned. It was decided not to participate in this project again.

CATHOLIC CHRONICLE: October is Respect Life Month. St. Peter's and Resurrection, along with 8 other parishes, submitted articles regarding our pro-life efforts. Mary will email their articles to our email list.

JANUARY 22nd ANNIVERSARY: Mary suggested placing the fetal models in the high school around this date. We could also order some abstinence literature to have. Barb spoke to Tressa who suggested there be some type of class teaching on the display and fetal development/pro-life. Perhaps Father Tom or Father Hite would be interested? Mary will check with them in this regard. Elaine stated that the display received a lot of attention at the Blueberry festival.

OHIO BALLOT: There will be 3 issues on the Ohio ballot this year. Mary received info from Jan Kahle with the Catholic Conference of Ohio response to these issues. On all 3, the Catholic Bishops are neutral. For further info go to: www.ohiocathconf.org

MEETING: Our next meeting is during Eucharistic days, so we will move our meeting to Monday, November 14th with December's staying on the 5th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The fall program will be starting again. Resurrection will have a rosary, mass, and the litany for life, starting @ 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, September 28th.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: This is Sunday, October 2nd. Mary will check with Father Tom & Father Hite regarding the bulletin insert from the USCCB. Resurrection will have their meeting tomorrow and will make their plans then.

DECEASED INFANTS: Resurrection will have a service on Wednesday, November 9th, starting with the rosary @ 8:45 a.m., mass and then the litany. Elaine will get the flier to us so we can check about getting the info on the bulletin boards.

MEETING: Mary & Barb would like to meet with Father Tom & Father Hite to welcome him and share ideas. Father Hite did respond that we could use info from Priests for Life, but he would like to look at the material first. Best time would be at 4 or 7 p.m. for Mary, perhaps tomorrow night? Mary will call.

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS: Barb reported that this is a very controversial subject right now. The Catholic Church's position is that they are following what the doctor says at that time.

FIELD OF CROSSES: Putnam County and Lima Central Catholic are requesting the crosses. A reporter from the Catholic Chronicle called Barb for background information on the crosses, for an article she is writing. The crosses started in Ashland County 15 years ago. There were more than 4,000 crosses. The current number is now 3600 per day. Donna suggested that perhaps new crosses could be an Eagle Scout project. Donna will contact Mr. Wagner to get his opinion on this.

FUTURE PROJECTS: Does our group want to be commissioned? Presenting a talk from a pro-life doctor. Placing prayers in the bulletin? We had placed one for elections previously. This will be discussed with the priests.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Barb has been submitting articles to the bulletin and was asked to continue doing so.

JOHN REEF: John will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, September 17, 2011. SPRLC will send John a card. Mary will bring a card to the next meeting. John will be a great aspect to the pro-life cause.

RESURRECTION: January 18, 2012, there will be the rosary, mass and the pro-life litany, starting at 8:45 a.m. for the Roe v Wade anniversary.

CHRISTMAS CLASSIC: Mary received the name of Sherry Kowalski for the president of the Academic Boosters. Mary will contact her in regard to the luncheon.

K of C DONUT SUNDAY: Since Barb will be out of town, Mary will take some of our Prayer for Life cards down.

FATHER PAVONE: Father will speak in Wooster on Saturday, September 17, at St. Mary's church. Elaine & Ron are planning to go. They will leave at 7:00 am. Box lunch is also available for \$5.

WELCOME: We are pleased to have Jaimie Kunecke join our chapter. Thank you for coming.

ARTICLE: Barb had an article to share on Dr. Bernard Nathanson who expired on 2-21-11. Dr. Nathanson was one of the first abortionists and who later converted to the catholic faith.

We concluded with our prayers.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Dillinger and Mary Rennpage