

St. Catherine Respect Life Meeting Minutes for 4/6/22

Present: Joon Park, Mike Park, Joe Magalski, Kathy Redmond, Steve Borchert, Jean LaFever, Frank Unger, Bob Woleben, Margaret Meersma, CJ Grace, Mike Stempihar

Opening Prayer - St. Monica Parish ProLife Prayer

Mission Statement

To protect and promote the sanctity of God's children from the moment of conception to natural death through prayer, education, and outreach.

Old Business

- Minutes approved as presented.
- 40 Days for Life Campaign - ongoing.
- Baby Bottle Campaign - still not decided on by Fr. Mark. May move to Oct.
- Weekly FN "What to say When" continues through Lent, in favor of continuing past Lent.

New Business/ Pres and VP

- **MI Amendment poster to be placed on our board this weekend**
 - Same print that was in the bulletin this week
 - Petition has until July to gather their signatures to get on the ballot
 - Can we get this on an easel during mass? CJ to ask Deb, get poster mounted on foam board.
- **Sunday of Divine Mercy 4/24 feature Project Rachel and Light of Hope?**
 - Project Rachel promotion in bulletin
 - Prayer intentions are confirmed to align with upcoming feast days
- **St. Gianna's Feast Day 4/28, FN for awareness, update bulletin and board**
 - CJ to put together a Saint Bio
 - Margaret to find a picture of her for our bulletin board
- **Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet 5/1 or 5/8 ? - after the 11am mass**
 - Plan for 5/1, unless the children's program has something scheduled, otherwise 5/8 . Bob and Frank to confirm ASAP.
 - New this year - meaning of all flower colors on each tag
 - Order and pickup flowers
 - 150 carnations, assortment of the 4 colors
 - Pink - pregnancy
 - Yellow - waiting to conceive or adopt

- Red - Birth or adoption
 - White - loss of a child
- Education of event via FN and Bulletins - Joon
- Order flowers, Order for Saturday
- Prep - making the tags and tying tags onto each flower
- Markers on the day of for writing intentions on the tags
- Vases and ribbons, Joon has from last year
- Mike S. will look into a flower shop in Paw Paw
- **Mary Garden Prep**
 - Spruce up - not needed, just need to plant
 - Joon and Kathy to get together for annual planting, ahead of Mother's day
 - Decorate cross for Easter? Joon to ask Michelle Kraft to decorate?
 - Stained glass will be finished!
 - Sponsor the garden for a week - one person to take a week and rotate throughout the season.
 - Flocknote sign-up, Joon to set up

Secretary Report

None

Liaison Report

- Protect Life - Kathy Redmond
- CN/Alternatives -Michael Park/ Jeff Phelan
- 40 Days for Life - Joe Magalski
 - 110 people out praying so far this year
 - Good showing on Wednesdays, about 20 people praying
 - National sends out daily emails if you'd like to sign up - 40DaysforLife.com
 - Confirmed babies saved this campaign, over 300
- Live Action - Steve Borchert
 - "Justice for the Five" infants found dead in Wash DC presumably after partial birth abortions
 - Will send the link in a flocknote on how to ask our Congress people to take action- Joon will do FN
- Church youth programs- Frank Unger/ Bob Woleben=**schedule for next year's May Crowning?**
 - Frank and Bob to get the calendar from Youth Program so we can align and coordinate with their schedule
 - Also to see if we can work together to coordinate a May Crowning
- Knights of Columbus

- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - \$9 - on Friday April 22nd with the P3 on Friday night 4:30-6:30, in Marian Hall
- Ukraine Fundraiser 4-9pm Friday, 4/8, Final Gravity Brewing, Ukraine Beer and Food
- Other Updates- Kalamazoo RTL annual benefit event 5/19/22, Thursday, at First Assembly near Oakland/94. For more info: rckarrer@sbcglobal.net

Treasury Report

- Current balance \$1274
- \$900 for plaque for Mary Garden, 12x16, put off until October or next year
- Bring/share your ideas for the engraving on the stone - dedication? Or prayer? Images?

Abortion Education/Fellowship

- What to Say When Chapter 12 - Planned Parenthood

Closing Prayer - Joe Magalski to lead

St. Gianna, Pray for Us!

Next meeting NOT on May 4th @ 7pm @ Stanley Center - Conflict - Second Tuesday or Thursday? Joon to check with Deb to confirm room availability, will update everyone via flocknote.