Respect Life Commission

**Next Meeting:** **9/15/19, at 9:10 a.m.** following 8:00 a.m. mass.

Meeting Minutes from: 8/18/19

RLC Account balance: 8/18/19 Beginning balance: $2,462.80

Deposit: Donation $20

Current balance: **$2,482.80**

The meeting opened with prayer.

Updates:

**Arbor Woman Lifesaver Baby Shower: - (Anne) In Process**

* Anne provided an update – shower will run from Sept 7th – Sept 15th
* Anne to speak (announce shower) at all masses on weekend of August 24th.
  + Iris is ill and will not be able to speak – we should all pray for her to get better
  + Need volunteers after each mass on 24th and 25th to hand out Lifesavers and reminders

**Dismemberment Abortion Ban Petition – (Connie and Patrice) In Process**

* First push for signatures from St. Mary parish gathered 267 signatures
  + Next petition weekend will be Oct 5th & 6th – We will need volunteers after all masses

**40 Days for Life Campaign (Eileen) – Begins in September**

* Runs Sept 25th – Nov 3rd - 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
* The kickoff rally is on Sunday Sept. 22nd at 2:00 ending with Jericho March.
* Eileen’s time slot will be Tuesdays at 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Feel free to join her or fill an open slot
* Jericho March every Sunday during 40 days campaign at 2:00 pm at Planned Parenthood
  + [www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor](http://www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor)

**Knights of Columbus/St Mary Parish Ultrasound Machine Purchase (Alan) – In Process**

* Will be placed at Arbor Woman – can be used at remote locations (Detroit, other)
* Ken Klovski provided a good update on the process so far
  + Shared that the knights are very supportive of the RLC and that anti-abortion is at the core of the Knights focus
* Augustine floated the idea of the RLC putting money toward Ultrasound Machine purchase
  + Possible match donations up to $1,000
  + We will review this idea with the RL Commission’s thoughts at next meeting

**UNPLANNED (movie) (Eileen) – In Process**

* Eileen recommended the purchase of the movie to be included in the RLC resource library
  + RLC agreed that should purchase 2 copies at $19.99 – Eileen will arrange
* Ken Unterbrink brought up a different possibility to be able to do an email blast to parish for the digital movie at a higher price, but would have rights to show to parish and make 20% on proceeds

**Billboard eastbound I-94 (owned by St. Vladimir’s) - (Eileen) – In Slow Process**

* Eileen reached out to Father Gregory again. He can’t do anything until after their festival in Sept.
* Patrice had an idea for sign – 3D image of baby with words “Pray for the Unborn”

**2020 RLC Parish Event – Sexual Authenticity - (Mike/Don/Patrick/Patrice/Alan) – In Process**

* Event planned for January/February timeline
* There were several event names suggested. For example, “Disconnected Lives”.
* A couple speaker potentials – Pung and Father Ricardo

Open Discussion, Topics, Ideas:

* There was a question regarding the Knights support Illegal Aliens – Yes, money from the national association has been used to feed/water individuals in this country. Once they are here we have to help take care of them.
* Need to pray to end chemical abortions. This has become a big issue, becoming more prevalent
* Need to add Strategy Session on what RLC Events we should be doing – Bring Calendar
* Ken Klovski and our new deacon and wife would like to be added to the email list:
  + Wayne = [W1slomiany@gmail.com](mailto:W1slomiany@gmail.com), Carol = [cslomiany@comcast.net](mailto:cslomiany@comcast.net)
  + Ken = [kenklovski@yahoo.com](mailto:kenklovski@yahoo.com)