

## **Respect Life Committee Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:** Del Pardee, Bernie McGough, Peggy McGough, Tom Trykowski, Kevin Philbin, Nancy Carter, Marge March, Gary Peltier and Lisa Birchler

**OPENING PRAYER:** Marge March

**TREASURER REPORT:** Bernie McGough gave a brief review of expenditures and budget balance.

**JANUARY MINUTES:** Kevin Philbin presented January minutes and were approved.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Tom Trykowski advised us on current issues. Topics included:

March for Life speaker Sister Bethany Madonna and her appearance in Vatican Magazine.

Richmond Diocese Bishop, Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout was at the March for Life.

President Donald Trump also attended the march declaring January 22, as “National Sanctity of Life” Day.

Those applying to adopt must have a criminal background check.

**YOUTH PROMOTION:** Kevin Philbin discussed a Respect Life discussion with our Christian Formation 6-8 graders; perhaps having hot chocolate and donuts while having the discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Lisa Birchler reviewed committee t-shirts for sale, pricing to follow. Father Rolo approved the the shirts wording.

Bernie McGough discussed October event. The subcommittee agreed on “Sisters of Life as first choice and the “Black Friars House as second.

We will also obtain a grant and parish funds carryover to fund the event without the assistance of St. Francis. Several churches in the community will be invited.

All officers have agreed to a second term, election to be held May 2018

Tom Trykowski will setup church table this Spring and volunteers are needed.

Tom Trykowski stated we need more support in the bulletin and ambo for our meeting announcement.

**ADDENDUM:** Committee Reflection

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Nancy Carter

**ADDENDUM: With glory and honor You crowned him, giving him power over the works of your hands.**

**Ps 8:5-7**

**Lord, we are amazed at your love for us. May we learn from it, as we love and protect one another.**

**Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day**

**Father Frank Pavone**