

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting
10/2/23
6:30 PM

Attendance: Barbara Grundman, Dann Grundman, Angela Schmollinger, Naomi Rath, John Gould, Tom Dunne, Shirley Gerlach, Pat Loehlein, Jerald Valento, Mike Connolly, Judy Jacobsen, Lee Diedrich, Mary Ksiazek, Megan Frericks

Opened with Prayer for Life

Don Parker at a fundraiser, so no recap with him tonight.

New Initiative is starting for MCCL during January March for Life

- Center for ProLife Minnesota

Past Events:

- National Day of Remembrance
- Letter-writing Campaign & Coffee/Doughnuts
 - QR code worked really well
 - Maybe next time, stick to one letter rather than 2 letters
 - Tom would like to read response from Tina Smith later in weekend
 - About 40 letters went to each rep, House & Senate
- Spiritual Adoption
 - Total of 73 spiritual adoptions and counting
 - Bracelets went over well
 - Shirley will send list of baby names to Naomi & Barbara
- Respect Life Sunday
 - All went well
- Born to Run 5K
 - Mary K. and Tom D. attended.
 - WLCC reported that they almost hit their goal as of roughly 9/29/23

Upcoming Events

- 40 Days for Life
 - Started Oct. 2nd
 - New parking went well
 - It's good to be at PP at 4:30 because the location hasn't fully closed for the day yet, so it makes a difference seeing people still going in and coming out
 - Chapel prayer service went very well
 - Would be nice to have Emmanuel community come to pray at PP one of these weeks
 - How can we get the word out further?
- MCCL Tours → now called "12,000 Lives"
 - We're hosting at HC - very exciting

- Judy has lined up Sue Qwan to help open up space for the MCCL Tour
 - Tom Dunne will work with Sue & Jim to get things ready
 - Several volunteers to bring treats - yay!
 - Women's Club is willing to cover bringing coffee & lemonade
 - Security needed? Decided not especially.
- Pro-Life activity
 - Tree of Life - October 4th near St. Pau Conservatory
- Mary's Meals Banquet - October 12th at St. John the Baptist, NB
 - If anyone wants to go, Mary K. is collecting names for a table - 8 people per table
- HC/MoM Octoberfest - October 14th
- Holiday Bazaar - November 4th (9am - 3pm)
 - Rosary teethers
 - Cupcake onesie package - using receiving blankets and washcloths, rather than onesies, so people don't feel uncertain due to not being able to see the design
 - Handmade rosaries
 - Lee Diedrich volunteered to help staff table in afternoon
- WLCC Fall Fundraising Banquet - 6pm - North Heights Church in Arden Hills
- Movie Night - November 17th
 - *Horton Hears a Who!*
 - Donating to Sharing and Caring Hands
- School Walk-a-thon is weekend of October 7th-8th - Central Park

Financials/Expenses

- Money spent in Sept. was for School Spiritual Adoption Program

New Business

- Spiritual Adoption Program (School)
 - There is a delay in rolling out the program. School board and principle still need to meet. After they meet, the program will be presented to teachers. This is NOT about abortion - it is about the life of an unborn baby
- Diaper Chest Plans
 - Tom Dunne takes donations and locks them up until we have enough to make a drop
 - Diaper situation is serious - very expensive
 - Debate whether distribution to Pregnancy Resource Centers is quarterly or monthly
 - HC collections - Judy has a contact to collect donations and bring to Abria
- Gerald found something online - Everlife Diapers is a national group (Pro-life) that has started a diaper service - sort of a subscription service - we're not sure how prices compare to prices in stores - Everlife makes the diapers themselves. Public Square started this service.
 - Could be a good way of sponsoring regular donations to be able to bring over to local pregnancy resource centers
 - Gerald will find more information

- Free on Thursday? *Mother Theresa and Me* is playing one day only - October 5th at 7PM showing

Next meeting will be November 6th - 6:30 pm

Closing prayer and blessing led by Deacon Dennis - Prayer to End Abortion