

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting
4/3/23
6:30 PM

Attendance: Barbara Grundman, Dann Grundman, Angela Schmollinger, Naomi Rath, Mary Ksiazek, John Gould, Tom Dunne, Shirley Gerlach, Pat Loehlein, Megan Frericks, Jerald Valento, Tom Nevins, Michael Gross, Bob Brenneman, Mike Connolly

Opened with Prayer for Life

Legislative update w/ Don Parker

New bill is being presented: House Omnibus Health Bill (HF2930)

- Extremely radical
 - Takes all of the wish list of the democrats and pro-abortion people on the house health committee and rolls it all into one bill
 - All of the repeals as other bill HF91
 - Also adds elimination of the funding for pregnancy resource centers, like Positive Alternatives Grant funding
 - MCCL has asked pregnancy resource centers and their stakeholders to advocate for themselves by writing to governor & legislators to come visit the care centers and see the good work that is being done there.
 - Some legislators have done this and have been impressed
 - In HF91, we worried about the elimination of the law that said if a baby survives an abortion, that baby would need to be treated to try to save their life/health
 - In HF2930, the threat to life/health of newborn babies is not limited to babies that survive abortion; it is expanded to ANY and ALL newborn babies.
 - Particularly threatening to disabled children born
 - MCCL has been doing a lot of work against 1st version and 2nd version of that bill to make it fully unacceptable to legislators
 - There has been pushback, mostly from doctors who want to be able to make that choice without anyone looking over their shoulders
 - Healthcare cost containment commission is another part of this new bill
 - People mostly appointed by the governor would have the power to tell healthcare entities how much of an increase in spending they could have.
 - This would put tremendous pressure on these entities to keep spending down
 - Could cut costs by not treating/providing care to the elderly, disabled people, and people with chronic illnesses
 - EVEN IF THE MONEY IS PAID FOR BY INSURANCE OR OUT OF POCKET
- Senate has its own Omnibus Health Bill
 - As it exists now, Senate bill does not have any of this new nonsense.

- Only pro-abortion thing the Senate omnibus health bill has is a 10% increase in reimbursement for Medicaid to pay for family planning and abortion.
 - Not good, but won't threaten lives directly near as much as the House bill
- IF there are senators who will not accept the radical bill (only takes one undecided/pro-abortion senator to not accept it), then they will have to deal with the Senate bill
- Unfortunately, it's somewhat likely that the House will pass their extreme bill first, and the radical leadership in the Senate can take up the HF2930 House bill and move it up to the Senate.
- What can we do?
 - We need to FLOOD legislators with communication and build up a public complaint/unacceptance of these bills - we need to make our unacceptance loud and clear to the legislature / governor's office.
 - Go to town hall meetings
 - Share memes via social media (MCCL shared one via email on Thursday 3/30/23)

Possible democratic legislators that we could focus our attention on to try to turn their votes (helpful if we can get residents within the corresponding districts to write to these legislators):

- St. Cloud (district 14) Senator Aric Putnam
- St. Cloud (district 14) House rep Dan Wolgamott
- Coon Rapids area - pro-life democrat Senator John Hoffman
- Duluth - (district 3) Senator Grant Hauschild
- Mankato

Past Events

- Valentine's Day treat bags - recipients sent thank you cards
- Coffee & Donuts in March was canceled
 - Should look at hosting again soon & doing
- Jericho March by ProLife Action Ministries was March 27th-April 2nd.
 - Prayer Vigil April 7th, 8:30am-4pm
- Postcard campaign
- Minnesota Catholic Conference Adoration (ongoing)
 - Next one April 14th
- Holy Childhood bake sale raised \$555

Upcoming events

- MMSA Spring Fling - April 22nd - 5:30-10pm
 - Silent Auction basket contribution from ProLife group
- Letter Writing Campaign proposed for April 15-16th.
- Mother's Day Flower Sale/Diaper Drive - May 13th & 14th
 - When to have flowers delivered to church?
 - Not Friday after 4pm - Sirba Hall being used

- Holy Childhood will do their diaper drive 2 weeks prior to Mother's Day, then will set collection aside and turn in along with MoM's diaper drive
- Flowerama flowers are ordered
 - 90 roses (variety)
 - 75 carnations (variety)
- MCCL order form is filled out, still needs to be adjusted and sent
- Posters and price sheets are prepped
- Crowning of Mary - May 3rd
 - Fr. Andrew is looking to make this event much bigger than in years past
 - Idea to donate some plants/plaques for rosary garden

New business

- Jessica suggested for us to participate in the Holiday Bazaar to become more involved with the school
 - Tom Dunne said he can make ProLife Rosarys for booth
 - Idea to have Thanks Mom for Life magnets
 - Invitation to contribute other crafts to sell at booth
- Discussion to build a coalition with churches in the area
 - Michael Gross working to coordinate a meeting of ProLife groups
 - As we network and come across people involved in ProLife, invite to our meetings and share the mission - let's mobilize the small groups and make big moves together.

MN Catholic Conference has a few ways to get involved in contacting representatives

Closing prayer - Prayer to End Abortion