

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting

6/5/23

6:30 PM

Attendance: Barbara Grundman, Dann Grundman, Angela Schmollinger, Deacon Dennis, Naomi Rath, John Gould, Tom Dunne, Shirley Gerlach, Pat Loehlein, Jerald Valento, Tom Nevins, Mike Connolly, Judy Jacobsen, Lee Diedrich, Mary Rubbelkeys, Mary Ksiazek, Megan Frericks, Irene Eiden, & Jessica Morrissey

Opening prayer - Prayer of Life

Legislative Huddle with Don Parker

- Abortion up until birth went through in the ProAct - no longer is there a born alive infant protection act
- Some things were blocked - the parental notification law was not repealed
- Unborn victims of violence act stayed
- Provision that had been set up in Omnibus bill that was blocked - no Healthcare cost containment commission went through - so that's good
- Abortion reporting law partially kept in place - abortion numbers and circumstances and complication are required to be reported - but no reporting will be required of babies born alive and left to die
- Positive Alternatives Act is no longer in play
- MCCL and other groups will be doing a lot of outreach this summer - county fairs
 - Staff from key districts will be at these county fairs, so we can share with them what their legislators did
- Will be fanning the flames on the fact that Positives Alternatives Act is gone
 - Idea to draw attention in our bulletin to the pregnancy care centers in our area that will no longer get money from the government (6 million total every two years will be gone) - make sure to mention the loss of the Positive Alternatives Act and encourage parish members to donate to these pregnancy care centers - it's not just pregnant moms and moms of new babies that visit and benefit from these centers - it's also moms and families with toddlers and young kids.
 - Lee will ask Annabelle if we could have a ProLife bulletin board or a portion of a bulletin board
 - Fairview & Sanford Health are merging - abortion was a topic - what are the policies for these hospitals (Sanford being quite liberal & pro-abortion; uncertain about Fairview's policies)

Past Events recap

- Diaper drive
 - Successful diaper drive!
 - MoM brought in 3417 diapers
 - HC brought in 1512 diapers
 - MoM 3380 packs of wipes

- HC approx. 1200 packs of wipes
 - Lots of other donated baby materials
- Idea to open up donation area in MoM narthex to collect baby items/diapers to be collected and brought to pregnancy centers every month or so.
- Flower Sale
 - HC raised \$208
 - MoM raised just over \$1200
 - Expenses were over \$600
 - Decided that magnets were not big sellers - not worth it to buy those next year
 - Request to order more begonias & African violets
 - 1 orchid was leftover
 - Over 4 dozen roses & carnations leftover

Options for Women East is planning a Pilgrimage for Life to Our Lady of Guadalupe on October 14th

Upcoming events

- Father's Day Continental Breakfast - June 18th at MoM
- Specify that HC parishioners are welcome to stop by after mass in an effort to continue integration
 - Volunteers needed - let Tom Dunne know
 - Ordering donuts - Barbara will call/email Annabelle
 - Gathering of breakfast essentials
 - Bring fruit if desired - let Tom Dunne know
 - Juice would be cool
- Holiday Bazaar - November 4th
 - Contract for participants for a table is close to being approved
 - ProLife is prepared to have a booth, though we still need ideas for booth theme

New Business

- Idea to Integrate and work with Mike Langer to spiritual adopt a baby with each class
 - Teach them about the birth of a baby
 - There would be pushback from parents
 - Jessica and principal Langer would work together to teach about the development of a child in an age-appropriate manner
 - These are important things to teach kids
- Thank you cards were sent to ProLife committee - Lee will put them on the new ProLife bulletin board (pending bulletin board approval)
- No Meeting in July
- July 12th - all are encouraged to attend the Parish/School Meeting

Reflection from Deacon Dennis

- We are the ProLife culter
 - Don Parker's attendance at our meetings is very much appreciated

- Deacon Dennis's son in Massachusetts sent him a brief film that Deacon will send out to group - titled "What is a Woman" - interviewer was Matt Walsh - video is a challenge to our culture pushing gender identify and transgender. Elon Musk made a loud statement and posted video on his personal page, saying everyone should be watching this film.
 - Idea to seek approval from Fr.s to play informative videos between masses
- Next ProLife meeting - August 7th, 2023

Closing Prayer - Prayer to End Abortion

Final blessing

Closing Song was sung - I Will Call Upon the Lord