

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting
8/1/22
7 PM

Attendance: Angela Schmollinger, Shirley Gerlach, Barbara Grundmann, Dann Grundmann, John Gould, Deacon Dennis, Tom Dunne, Naomi Rath, Tom Nevins, Lee Diedrick, Peggy Koecheler, Pat Loehlein, Peggy Koecheler, Megan Frericks

Opening Prayer led by Deacon Dennis - Prayer for Life

Angela read MCCL Legislative Huddle sent by Don Parker via email, then forwarded said email to Naomi:

- Minnesota's primary elections are next Tuesday, August 9. For candidate questionnaire responses on where the candidates stand on the Life issues, see the MCCL June-August newsletter, linked here:
https://www.mccl.org/_files/ugd/e95b3f_a9b2f43c0beb4045865b3204feee918b.pdf
- There is a very important primary election in Kansas tomorrow, Aug. 2. On their ballot is a pro-life constitutional amendment that would take the abortion issue away from the Supreme Court, which like Minnesota, made up a "right" to abortion in their state constitution. If the amendment passes, the legislature in Kansas could once again vote for legal protections for unborn children.
 - Update: Unfortunately, the amendment was defeated.
 - The New York Times: Kansas Votes to Preserve Abortion Rights Protections in Its Constitution.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/02/us/kansas-abortion-rights-vote.html>
- The recent Ramsey County court decision has left Minnesota parents with no right to know if their minor daughter is considering abortion, and our law has no protection whatsoever for babies who might be aborted up to birth, even if they are viable or developed enough to feel pain. Gov. Walz has stated his support for this ruling, and even voted in Congress against a bill that would protect the life of a baby already born in the course of a failed abortion.
- The U.S. House again voted for the Woman's Health Protection Act, which would legalize all abortions up to birth in all states, and eliminate state laws such as parental consent and bans on taxpayer funding of abortion.

Past Events:

- Food Truck Thursday - Pro Life volunteered to clean up on 7/28/22

Calendar of Events - still in draft mode - waiting for Fr. Brinkman to give his approval on it.

- Letter-writing campaign September 17th/18th.

- Angela is concerned that we don't have a subject for the next letter-writing campaign yet. Barbara will collaborate with MCCL and will accept ideas for next subject.
- Movie night - November 18th
 - Idea to do a 5PM family friendly movie then do a 7:30 or 8PM later viewing for more adult crowd.
 - Soul (Pixar) for kids?
 - Fr. Stu was suggested (adult language) for adults
 - Voice of John was also suggested for adults
- Primary voting is August 9th - go vote for your pro-life candidates!

New Business

- Elections - November 8th
 - Fast & Prayer?
 - Vigil November 7th?
 - Novena?
 - Novena was thought to be a good way to go
 - Suggested that Parish Office sent out reminder email to parishoners for Novena
- Deborah & Wayne asked for prayers and donations for Options for Women East to help with security.
 - Suggested that one of our next donations go to Options for Women East
 - We're not certain of where we're at in our account/budget, since parish accounting is now in arch diocese system.
- Tom Nevins asked if there was a PDF and/or web link of the MCCL newsletter we could get on MoM website, so that it's easier to find. And we should also put an announcement in the bulletin to highlight that.
- Adopt a Child - Sept. 17-18th
 - Need to order more little feet pins (100 more)
- We need to get Fr. Phillip & Fr. Brinkman on our mailing list

Barbara wants to start a "bank" of bulletin announcements, since they're reused pretty closely annually.

By Sept. 12th, we hope to have the calendar of events approved.

On Sept. 18th, hosting Coffee & Donuts to mix with letter-writing campaign & Adopt a Child

- Need to make sure donuts are ordered
- Will need volunteers to help with this

Take Action Sunday - look into it - Pat Loehlein brought it up

Peter Thalhuber passed away 7/16/22 - Shirley read obituary out loud for committee.

Closing prayer led by Deacon Dennis - Memorare

Blessing by Deacon Dennis

Closing song - Be Not Afraid