

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting
9/5/23
6:30 PM

Attendance: Barbara Grundman, Dann Grundman, Angela Schmollinger, 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, & Bob Brenneman

Opening Prayer led by Dann Grundman

Legislative Huddle w/ Don Parker

- Exemption doesn't just apply to babies who survived abortion, but any child - No prosecution for babies that are left to die
 - This is shocking people - people are troubled by this
 - Could be a wedge issue, like partial birth abortion
 - People for some reason cannot always see a child within the womb
 - Draft of letter to legislators written by Don Parker (in 9/5/23 agenda copy)
- The number of abortions in MN went up from 10,000 per year to 12,000 per year
 - In part because of the decision to take away parental rights
 - We're on a monthly pace for next year to show 16,000 abortions in 2024
 - MCCL planning a somber commemorative service to remember the 12,000 lives of MN babies lost
 - Hoping to get many more people to come to next March for Life.
- MCCL is planning to hire more team members to create a Pro-Life culture in MN
 - Outreach
 - Youth
 - Hispanic
 - MN is not far off from where IA used to be - very pro-abortion turned pro-life/conservative
 - If IA can do it, MN can too
- MCCL informed legislature of the democrat legislator in a tough district had to resign
 - If we can get a Republican into that district, it could give the leftist legislators pause
- Fall tour - MoM/HC is hosting again this year
 - Dates coming - yet to be published
- Abortion reporting laws were changed
 - Chemical and surgical abortions still need to be reported
 - Took out the need to report complications with chemical abortions
 - Biden got rid of medical visits & followup visits
 - There will be many women hurt/harmed by chemical abortions
 - Many lawsuits
 - This will be a very big issue

Past Events Recap

- First Saturday at Planned Parenthood
 - Moved to Sept. 9th (National Day of Remembrance)

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 16th/17th
 - Coverage needed
 - Letter Writing Campaign
 - Don recommending that the letter go to the constituents districts
 - Could be confusion, so maps/help will be needed
 - QR code to look up people's correct legislators
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - Spiritual Adoption Campaign
 - We're expanding into the school this year
 - Hoping each classroom will adopt a baby, name them, pray the daily prayer over loudspeaker, once a month letter that the teacher can use to teach children about the stages of pregnancy, life is precious wristbands and bookmarks for the kids to keep/wear.
 - Extra bracelets ordered in adult sizes
 - K-3 will have different program than 4-8 grade program
 - We'll ask the school library to hang up the poster to learn about the stages of pregnancy
 - Some concern about pushback from parents
 - We'll need to be careful on how this whole program is presented
 - May have access to MCCL's fetal models to help with demonstration/talks
 - Holy Childhood taking 25 cards for parishioners
 - Idea to broach the idea of Spiritual Adoption with Austin for Confirmation students
 - Respect Life Sunday
 - October 1st
 - 40 Days for Life - every Monday, Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th from 4:30-5:30
 - Deacon Dennis will be leading charge in Chapel from 4:30-5:30
 - Barbara and Dann will lead charge in front of Planned Parenthood 4:30-5:30
 - New Parking Regulations/Restrictions
 - Mary's Meals Banquet (October 12th St. John the Baptist, New Brighton)
 - HC/MoM Octoberfest (Oct. 14th)
 - Volunteers needed
 - \$10 entry
 - With every entry, you'll get 1 free drink
 - Lots of food, games, activities
 - Holiday Bazaar

- Volunteers needed
- Craft items to sell
 - Suggested Craft: silicon baby teethers
 - Committee - Megan F., Naomi R., Mary K.
 - Idea to also supply stamped bibs or onesies
- Movie Night (November 17th) - 6:30pm start time
 - Horton Hears a Hoo
 - Dress up in character/PJ party
 - Crafts for kids
 - Proceeds to be donated to charity of choice
 - Sharing and Caring Hands proposed/accepted
- MCCL Fall Tour (Date TBD)
 - Discussion about hosting at Holy Childhood
 - Judy will check availability for the hall at HC

Financials

- \$500 donated to Students for Life (voted Aug. 7th meeting)
- Spiritual Adoption
 - Parish - Feet & bracelets
 - School - bracelets, Posters, Bracelets

New Business

- Born to Run 5K (WLCC) - September 23rd
 - Volunteers needed
- 2024 Living a Joyful Life
- Diaper Chest Plans
 - Tom Dunne raised the point that we would need Michelle Otto's OK to use the bins in the back of MoM Narthex
 - If we don't get approval to use the bins, we can find an alternate location for donations
 - Mary offered the Library as a place to store baby material donations
 - Judy Jacobsen has bassinet to put in back of HC to regularly collect baby materials for donation
- Baby Bottle Drive - November 11th-12th
 - Collection December 2nd & 3rd
- Letter to parishioners explaining how government funding has been cut from pregnancy resource centers and the request for parishioners to donate - digital file will be sent to Naomi by Angela or Barbara so Naomi can send to Alanna to put in bulletin

Next Meeting - October 2nd, 6:30pm

Closing Prayer - Prayer to End Abortion