Respect Life Commission

Next Meeting: **4/10/16**

Following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting Minutes from: 3**/20/16**

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Outstanding Items

We reviewed several of the completed and outstanding items from our previous meeting:

* Group to try and attend a 40 days event/prayer together. **Completed** – March 5th
* Coordinate Karen Walacavage (spelling correction of her last name) coming to speak to group: **In Process**
  + Karen will speak after attending 8:00 mass at St. Mary on April 10th
  + She will bring educational pieces & provide updates on pro-life legislation.
  + Notice of this should be placed in the bulletin. **Assigned to Eileen**
  + Meeting will take place in hall as usual where coffee & donuts are served
* Place time RLC meets in bulletin: This should be under our weekly section - **Eileen**
* Get Handouts for bulletin board:
  + Discussion about what to have and making copies.
  + Mike provided a good sheet with reference and contact information.
  + Alan will try to make into digital form. **Alan**
* RLC 1 hour adoration slot: **Completed**
  + Need to ask Anne about 4-5 p.m. Adoration time slot for RLC/Robin Dahl. **Eileen**
* Baby Bottle Boomerang drive: **In Process**
  + Approximately $1,900 returned at this point. Still some bottles out.
  + Mike shared additional items that get returned.
  + Mike shared that it might be best for large donations from committee to be made directly to organization, so not to skew numbers of actual BBB return.
* Our Lady of Guadalupe print framed: **In Process**
  + Kerry Kargel investigated materials cost – approx. $200
  + Connie solicited Al Zangara to build frame – he agreed.
  + Kerry to paint frame once it is built.
  + Alan to purchase materials and provide to Al.
* Poverty Inc. movie: **In Process**
  + Don shared information on community screening. There is a fee.
  + Alan still needs to investigate purchase option for our library. **Alan**
* Mother’s Day Rose Sale: **In Process**
  + We will purchase 600 roses this year. (up from 550). **Eileen**
  + Sale will take place on May 7th & 8th.
  + We will not do anything in coordination with Rose ceremony for this event.
  + Mike & Robin will not be in town to head this up this year (Graduation!), so we will need as many helpers as possible. **Eileen**
  + We get the greens for the vase displays from Jennifer in Chelsea. **Eileen**
  + Call Costco to see if their option works better as it did previously. **Eileen**
* Investigate attendance at annual Michigan Respect Life Dinner on April 14th: **In Process**
  + Knights supplementing $125 for table of 10 that takes the individual amount down from $50 to $35.
  + Alan has reserved a table for this event.
  + Location of dinner is Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia.
  + Abby Johnson is the featured speaker
  + Send out invitations for attending this event to Knights and RLC. **Alan**

Information/Discussion Items

40 days for Life Closing Celebration: Eileen shared that this would take place March 20th at 2:00

Information was shared on the Prayer Day event for marriage, one man and one woman. 15-20 participants

Information/Discussion Items/ continued

Don shared Quotes on Life that may be good for use in our section of the bulletin. It was discussed that we could insert a different quote under our section throughout the year as space is available.

Eileen shared about a Major Pro-Life Event at Christ the King featuring David Daleiden (exposed PP) with music by Eric Genius. Event cost is $35 and it starts at 6:30 on April 29th

Sandy Kiss (New RLC participant) requested we put some of our focus on adoption as an option.

* Mike suggested that we do some research on this and bring it back for future consideration.

Mike explained that money was usually in the account to purchase roses for the rose sale. This is not the case at this time, so we will have to resolve this in another manner.

Connie brought up information about the Rose Ceremony & Blessing for discussion.

* It was agreed that we would not tie this to the Mother’s Day rose sale.
* We will try to get this on the calendar for October since it will spread the attention over more of the year.

To do list:

* Place notice in bulletin on Karen Walacavage coming to speak - **Eileen**
* Place RLC meeting times in bulletin – **Eileen**
* Make copies of bulletin board handouts - **Eileen**
* Make digital form for Bulletin handout - **Alan**
* Ask Anne about Thursday 4-5 p.m. Adoration time slot for RLC along with Robin Dahl. - **Eileen**
* Purchase copy of Poverty Inc. for review and library - **Alan**
* Coordinate all necessary for Mother’s Day rose sale - **Eileen**
* Invitation to all on Michigan Respect Life Dinner - **Alan**
* Request funds from Knights to purchase roses - **Alan**