

## Minutes-October 16, 2015

### Respect Life Committee

In Attendance: Becky Nash, Sharon Slomski, Shirley Raasch, Alice Stollenwerk, Christine Wehrs, Beckie Hawker, Monica Mutchler

Monica opened the meeting with a prayer and all read the Mission Statement.

Review of September 17, 2015 minutes.

#### **UPDATES:**

**-Flyers** were in the October 4 and October 11 bulletins. Respect Life Sunday and Committee info.

**-Spiritual Adoption**-Shirley reported that she made an announcement at a daily mass and there was a wonderful response.

**-Diaper Drive**-Great job. Stella Maris collected approximately 4,000 diapers. 20% of the Diocese total!

**-Stella Maris Website**-Monica presented a draft copy. Discussion and additions were presented and the revisions will be made and forwarded to Lorie.

**-Phone conferencing**-We have found a solution! Phone # to call is 641-715-3580. Access Code is 554-359.

**-Outreach-Gift card and card to single Mother.** Shirley purchased a gift certificate to Eclipse and provided a card for all to sign. Shirley will be reimbursed for the gift certificate.

**-Health and Wellness**-Alice presented a statement in support of the Respect Life Committee encouraging 1) parishioner membership in Christ Child Society, 2) enlarging Prayer Shawl ministry to include blankets for newborns, toddlers and homeless adults, 3) participation in Red Cross Blood Drives. Each parish site contains a Resource Guide with valuable information. Kathleen Engeldinger-Kerwin, our new Faith Community Nurse, will be a logical resource to this committee.

**-Upcoming Blood Drives**-November 2 at Gibraltar School 11-4 and November 27 at Baileys Harbor Town Hall from 9-2

-Shirley will ask a member of the Christ Child Society to be on the Respect Life Committee.

-Monica will submit blood drive dates to the bulletin.

-“Who to Call for Help” flyers will be placed in the Resource Guide at all sites.

-Chris W. mentioned there is a ministry for those who have experienced a miscarriage called Resolve Through Sharing.

**-Winter Months**-We will continue to hold meetings at the Sister Bay site as weather permits, then hold meetings via phone conferencing.

-We will hand out 'Every Life is Worth Living' prayer cards after all masses the weekend of January 23 and 24 marking the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

-**Spiritual Adoption Parish Wide**-Chris Wehrs and Sharon Slomski will be the coordinators. The kick off will be September 2016.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

-**A Suicide Prevention Awareness** talk will be given at the November 19, 2015 Ellison Bay Service Club meeting. 6:30 pm at the Clearing.

-**Coffee and Conversation**-We read '**Maggie's Story: Living like Dad**' as a group. Personal sharing and a thought provoking discussion ensued. This is an idea from the USCCB. Decided to do this periodically as a group.

-Shirley mentioned that **Scand has an End of Life Ministry—Nobody Dies Alone**. Contact the chaplain Joy Z. if interested in participation.

**NEXT MEETING**—November 10, 2015 (Tuesday) 9 am, Sister Bay

Closing Prayer