

August 9, 2016- Sister Bay 9:00 AM CST-or via phone conferencing

Minutes-Respect Life Committee

In Attendance: Alice Stollenwerk, Chris Wehrs, Becky Nash, Shirley Raasch, Monica Mutchler
Meeting was opened with a prayer and reading of the Stella Maris Mission Statement, Stella Maris Vision Statement and The Respect Life Mission Statement.

Review of Minutes from July 12, 2016 Meeting.

UPDATES- OLD BUSINESS:

-SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PARISH WIDE-Chris W,

- We received the \$450.00 Monica Meyer Grant for Respect Life to be used for printing materials and printing
- Chris presented the time line for rolling out the program to start the weekend of October 1 and 2 and all it entails:
 - **September 17 and September 24** - Bulletin announcements
 - **By Sept. 17**, have the pledge cards, baskets and pens available at each church.
 - **September 17, September 24, October 1, October 9** - Pledge cards and pens will be in the pews and at the back of the churches
 - **September 24** - Verbal announcement
 - October 1**. We will have 2 minutes to talk at all the masses
 - Pledge baskets to be left until **Oct. 9**. Be sure to collect pledges from baskets and keep for our next meeting.
 - Chris will contact Diane Kahlscheuer regarding Washington Island participation
 - Becky Nash will present this to the office, the homebound and the residents at Scandia the 1st Thursday of September.
 - Chris is coordinating everything with Kathy Sedan including the hymn "The Least of These".
 - There will be a monthly bulletin insert showing the growth of 'our' baby.
 - There will be posters to be placed in churches monthly as well
 - Chris will bring lots of baskets:)

There was a discussion regarding loving and respecting the lives of babies and their parents after the baby is born. And encouraging and helping women and parents after a miscarriage, stillbirth, etc. Some of the wording on the pledge card and bulleting insert was changed to read: 'your unborn baby and parents.' Also to place the 'prayer for parents' on the back of the insert.

HELP WILL BE NEEDED TO:

- Place pledge cards and pens in the pews of all sites before masses on September 17 and 24
- Collect pledge cards** after October 9.
Alice will help Chris at Fish Creek by taking care of basket and pledge cards.
Will need someone to take care of pledge cards and basket at Jacksonport
- Change posters monthly at all sites

MASS SCHEDULE for OCTOBER 1 and 2 (For our 2 minute talk)

Sat: 4 pm Fish Creek Chris W.
6 pm Jacksonport Chris W.
Sun: 8 am Egg Harbor _____
9:30 Sister Bay Monica
11 Baileys Harbor Becky

Chris is contacting people to speak at the other masses. If not we will fill in.

-October Meeting-The October meeting date has been changed to Thursday Oct. 13.

-Restorative Justice – Alice – Alice shared her experience at a 3 day Restorative Justice program at the Green Bay maximum security prison. As an inner city nurse Alice found that many client’s family members were incarcerated. “Seeing the hand of God working in people’s lives. I have not walked in anyone else’s shoes.”

-Diocese Diaper Drive-Yes we will participate! Will be a September agenda item.

-Monica Meyer Respect Life Grant-Application period-March 25-May15 with checks arriving in August.

Please think of some ideas.

Hershey kisses with prayer cards for Father’s Day?

-Phone Conferencing for Meetings—Dial 641-715-3580 554-359 –

UPCOMING EVENTS:

-ROSARY FOR LIFE--Every 2nd Tuesday, Baileys Harbor, Noon—“Your Prayers are Needed”

-Respect Life Meetings- September 13, October 13, and November 8. 9 am Sister Bay

-40 Days for Life-September 28 40daysforlife.com

-Diaper Drive – October

NEXT MEETING

September 13, 2016 Sister Bay 9 AM -- Or Call 641-715-3580 554-359

CLOSING PRAYER