

St. Peter Pro-Life Committee

Minutes of:
Regular Meeting, August 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dutch Myers with a prayer at 5:35 p.m.

In attendance were: Dutch Myers, Jerry Tomasheski, Carol Frederick, Fran Edwards and Vince Farrell.

Dutch advised us of the upcoming "40 Days for Life" program which will run from September 23, 2015 to November 1, 2015.

On August 28 and 29th, a program entitled "Black Lives Matter in the Womb" will be presented at 25350 Rockside Road in Bedford Hts. The Speaker will be Pastor Moss.

He will speak on Saturday, on Sunday, the speaker will be State Representative Bill Patman.

Vince advised the group that he attended St. Julies' Respect Life Committee meeting last night. One of the things that they discussed was an event they held in July, called Christmas in July. They place a Christmas tree in the back of the church and children are encouraged to bring wrapped gifts of baby items which are donated to Birthright of Lorain County. Vince thought this was a great program and that we should adopt it for St. Peters' next July. Fran, who is a volunteer at Birthright, said that they always seem to run short of supplies during the summer months and it would sure help them out. We will take up the matter with Father Bob.

We discussed our participation in 40 Days for Life. Vince, Jerry and Jo Ann will not be making the trip to Shaker Blvd. this fall. Standing for a hour is too much for them to handle. Instead, they would like to hold a Holy Hour each Monday, in the Church, from noon to 1 p.m. We do not know if Father Bob or anyone else will be going to preterm to pray.

If Fr. Bob agrees, then we will place something in the Church bulletin inviting people to join us in the church to pray to stop abortions. We would use the same format that we did at preterm. We would also, with permission, place our 40 days for life signs in front of the gym, church and school.

We discussed the peaceful protest to be held this Saturday at planned parenthood in Lorain. If anyone is interested in attending, Fr. Bob will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:40 a.m. The silent prayer vigil will run from 9 a.m, until 11 a.m.

Jerry advised us that the Knights of Columbus would again be holding an essay contest with 8th through 10th graders, from St. Peter school and from St. Peter and St. Julies PSR attendees. The topic of course would be about abortions.

Jerry advised us that he would like for the Knights to sponsor another Holy Hour on January 22, 2016, the same as last year. We would process around the cemetery, to the monument for the unborn, weather permitting. We would then pray in the church. Jerry will check with Fr. Bob to get the ok for same.

Jerry advised us that the October 2nd First Friday Session will feature Ms.Peggy Gerovaz who will speak on abortion.

Fran Edwards asked if we would consider holding a drive to collect winter coats for birthright. Apparently there is a need from infant to sizes 12/14. They would not have to be brand new, but gently used. Obviously the drive would have to take place before the winter weather sets in. It was mentioned that a blanket drive is held by another group in October and we don't think that the two should be combined.

Vince will bring the matter up Father Bob although some felt that this is something that the Social Justice Commission should be handling.

Our next meeting will be held on September 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish center.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 6:08 p.m.