

# FLAT RIVER RIGHT TO LIFE

## MINUTES

October 21, 2009

Opening: Meeting called to order at 7:22 pm.

Present: Tom and Candy Schmiedicke, Melissa Smith, Mary Smejkal, and Dale Reyburn.

Dale led with prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from September meeting read and approved. We had two people at Life Chain sign up to be on our email list.

Treasurer's Report: (For full report, please contact Mary Smejkal, Treasurer at 754-5469)

Beginning balance: \$ 43.67

Income: \$2,091.35

Expenses: \$643.60

Ending Balance: \$1,491.42

Majority of income came from Vendors' Expo sub sales and the expenses from billboard on M46. Dale and Tom moved and seconded, report was approved.

### Old Business:

\*Annual Banquet: Mary Hammon has students to help set up at the end of the school day and to help serve. We will begin setting up around 2:45. In the kitchen will be Phil Ply, Tom S, and Sarah VanSweden. So far, servers include Anna Stanford, 2 Schmiedicke sons, Mary S's granddaughter- Kristin, and 2 Hammon kids. Candy to call the Wyse girls. (Since the meeting, Candy spoke with Mary Hammon and the Wyse girls may not be needed. Also, that Mary would attend to supervise students!) The seating and table arrangements were discussed. We plan on 16 tables for eating, approximately 3 rectangles for appetizers and drinks, and 2 rectangles for food. We do not have a MC and someone to do invocation. (Since meeting, Fr. Phil had graciously accepted to do the invocation. Melissa to purchase nametags for registration table. Dale and Mary are working together on RSVP list and donations. We agreed to offer 2 tickets to Sue and Jerry Remelts for all of her hard work on the Vendors' Expo. Plan to send a thank you to Valley City Linen for donating table linens. So far we have 7 table sponsors. We have approximately 96 rsvps including musicians, speakers, and RTL staff. Dale and Candy will call attendees from last year who have not signed up yet. We will put out Scholarship 2010 applications.

\*Life Chain – not as many people turned out as usual. Weather was iffy. Need to make posters/ flyers and hand them out to businesses/churches. Maybe we could purchase Yard Signs - stating the day, time and location – for individuals to put in their yards. We should check with Sue Remelts to find out where the Vendors' Expo signs were made.

\*The sub sales were incredible. "Thank yous" are being sent to our wonderful volunteers. We would like to continue this project into the future. Melissa will contact Dave Mendrea to discuss. A donation to the St. Charles' Right to Life group was approved for \$100.

### New Business:

\*Ionia Free Fair RTL booth needs the turn in the rental fee for a booth by February. The rent is \$385. The IFF RTL booth group's balance is only \$148.05. We have tabled the discussion on how much to donate until after the Annual Banquet.

\*Aquinas College students for Life have requested a donation for their trip to the March for Life in DC. We have tabled the discussion on how much to donate until after the Annual Banquet.

\*Sanctity for Human Life Sunday – location needed. Dale to check with Faith Baptist Church. Plan to show trailer for Demographic Bomb and give out yearly calendar of events to draw more people to events.

Meeting adjourned: Tom moved; Dale seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Dale closed with prayer at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 7:15 PM in Conference Room 1 in the lower level of St. Charles.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Smith  
Secretary, FRRL