

KSU Students for the Right to Life

Meeting **Mintues**

February 4th, 2010

6:00-7:00pm

Type of Meeting: General Organization Meeting, Weber Hall Room 221

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Ptomey, President

Invitees: N/A

- I. Call to Order: **6:06 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call:
 - Number of Voting Student Members Present - **5**
 - Number of Voting Honorary Members Present - _____
 - Number of Non-voting Student Members Present - **3**
 - Number of Non-voting Honorary Members Present - **2**
 - Number of Voting Members Missing - _____
 - Number of Advisors Present - **0**

III. Officer Reports:

- i. President, Patrick Ptomey:
 - Member photos
 - a. **We have new officers! All offices are currently full! ☺ New members/officers: please send your photo to Patrick so he can put it up on our website.**
 - Member Dues - **\$5 for whole year**
 - I have Maafa21 if you would like to rent it.
 - A movie about Planned Parenthood and how they used abortion to try and rid America of the black population. Both copies Patrick had were rented out tonight to members.**
 - Website: www.ksustudents4life.weebly.com
 - Email: patrickptomey@yahoo.com Phone: 972.822.4713
- ii. Vice President, Kristi Mendenhall:
 - a. **Thanks to all those who helped us chalk on campus.**
- iii. Secretary, Alice: **Absent. She has a Thursday night class.**
- iv. Treasurer, Tanya: Our current balance is \$_____.
 - a. **Tanya is a new treasurer and does not have our current account balance. Patrick and Tanya will go to the bank together soon to sort out all the**

paperwork.

IV. Chair Reports:

- i. Outreach – Clay: **No report other than March for Life feedback.**
- ii. Publicity - Levi: **Absent.**
- iii. Historian – Brittani: **Absent.**
- iv. Fundraising – Jim: **No report other than March for Life Feedback.**
- v. “Former Embryo” T-shirts are available for sale. They are \$5 each. (M,L,XL)

V. Speech by K-State Student Body President Candidate Douglas Shane and Vice President Candidate Brandon West.

- a. www.shanewest10.com (they are also on facebook)
- b. Doug: President of College Republicans. Pro-life and conservative. College of Ag rep in student senate. In a fraternity.
- c. Brandon: Sophomore in Political Science, Ag Econ, and International Studies.
- d. Campaign: “Your Campus, Your Voice, Your Future”
 - i. Here to represent students. They want to help change student money, opinion, and safety. Want to show students dollar for dollar how their tuition is spent. Campus needs to clarify if Mace and tazers are allowed on campus to help women protect themselves from attacks. We also need to educate international students on our culture and dangers here. They hope to provide more readily available self-defense classes as well. They have T-Shirts for a \$10 donation.
 - ii. Other Candidates: Danny Unruh/Annie Oliver, Sam Brinton/Molly McGuire
 - iii. It’s important to vote, whether you vote for Brandon and Doug or not. Not many students voted last election (only about 18%)

VI. New Issues

- i. New resources from Students for Life of America (SFLA).
 - a. Postcards and DVD of real-life sonograms in the womb. Very good DVD. Special guest: SFLA field coordinator Elizabeth Murphy to join us. Date/Location?
 - i. We decided to invite her for our next meeting on Feb 18th at Radina’s Coffeehouse. We think it would be a good idea to get out and have this meeting at a new location. This will shake things up a bit and make our meetings more exciting. Patrick Ptomey and Kristi Mendenhall can give rides if need be.
- ii. March for Life discussion – Must incorporate into event sometime in near future. Receipts – Jim & Clay, speak to Patrick after the meeting.

- a. We need to host an event on campus to show what the March and our organization is about. That gives us a good chance of getting funding again in the future.
 - b. Clay: Congress men and women were speaking one after another at the rally. That was interesting. There were lots of different cultures and religions there. It was good to see how many different types of people were united under one cause. Pictures to come. Brownback and Tiahart spoke. Kansas groups are usually always at the front of the rally (in front of the stage) because we get there early.
 - c. Jim: Has attended the March for 3 years now. This was the biggest he's ever seen it. He didn't see any pro-choice people this year. It was really cool to be in a crowd of about 300,000 people (mostly) young people rallying in front of the capital and many important people.
 - i. Jim is running for Senator of the College of Ed.
 - ii. Jim is trying to get St. Isidore's to get a group going to the March every year so we don't have to go with KU. It may give us a better chance to get funding from SGA if we start up a Manhattan or KSU group taking us to the March.
- iii. Possible events for semester: Feminist for Life posters, March for Life table, Fetal development display, Adoption Awareness, Truth Booth, Juno, Expose Planned Parenthood, Silent Protest, Pro-Life or Pro-Choice? Display, Cemetery of Innocence, Maafa21, Guest Speaker.
- a. We need to appeal to other students than the conservative, Christian, republicans. The Feminist for life posters appeals to the more liberal members of campus and it would only cost a few dollars to make copies of the posters we have. Then, we can post them all over campus.
 - b. Fetal development display had a great turnout last year. It is a table of information on fetal development to show people how developed babies are at different stages of life in-utero. We had a sign asking when people thought life began.
 - c. Adoption Awareness: we have never done an event promoting adoption and it would be a good idea.
 - d. Truth Booth: A table or booth with laptops playing images of real sonograms. We could play the video from SFLA that shows sonograms inside the womb.
 - e. Juno: We bought the rights last year to play this video.
 - f. Pro-Life or Pro-Choice display: This would be like a 3 sided (science fair display) board. We could have Pro-Life on one side and Pro-Choice on the

other. People can come up and place a piece of paper or something on the side they're on. This would give us a visual idea of how many students are pro-life or pro-choice on campus. We would be there to discuss the issues with whoever wants to talk. This is a good, unbiased way to start Life Week.

- g. Cemetery of Innocence: Always done every year on Friday to end Life Week.
 - h. Maafa21: a video about Planned Parenthood and how they used abortion to justify trying to wipeout the black population. We could do this as a February event since February is black history month. Possibly partner with a black sorority or fraternity to show Maafa21 on campus?
 - i. Guest speakers are expensive.
- iv. Life Week event planning (ideas are tentative and can be moved to a different day)
- a. Monday: Pro-Life or Pro-Choice
 - b. Tuesday: Adoption Awareness
 - c. Wednesday:
 - i. Plaza crawl
 - 1. An event idea that Kristi Mendenhall (our very own VP) came up with last year. We would use the babies that truth (anti-smoking campaign) used in one of their commercials.
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYI1MDUI7XA>)
Students for Life of America said they would send a representative from their organization to help us host this event as well as purchasing all the dolls. We would just need the student support to man the event as well as campus's approval to put the babies in Bosco student plaza.
 - ii. Truth Booth
 - iii. Juno or Knocked Up.
 - 1. We don't have the rights to play Knocked Up but we think UPC does. We could partner with them. This movie appeals more to college students than Juno which is more oriented to High School Students.
 - d. Thursday: Fetal Development Display
 - e. Friday: Cemetery of Innocence

VII. Announcements

- i. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 18th, 2010 at 6:00pm **At Radina's Coffeehouse in Aggieville. Speaker from SFLA.**
- ii. Further discussion of semester events.

VIII. Adjournment: Walla walla bing bang.

*"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."
~ Jesse Jackson*