



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF OTTAWA COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sep 16, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Facilitator: President Wendy Worley

Secretary: Bill Scheible

IN ATTENDANCE

President, Wendy Worley; V.P. Joan Washburn; Treasurer Tim Kearney, Secretary Bill Scheible, Cece Gettys, Carol Fox, Judy Geiger, Fr. Jim Brown, Guest Mike Paolantonio, Holly Cronau, Dan Meyer. Meeting Opened at 4:05 pm with a prayer (see attached).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were discussed. Joan Nunnery had passed some comments along thru Judy regarding the comments people had made on the fund raiser and took issue with some of the findings but in the interest of time, a motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Fr. Jim and seconded by Carol Fox and minutes were approved unanimously.

FINANCES

Treasurer Tim Kearney presented the Treasurers report showing current balance of \$42,111.08.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Most of the discussion of the meeting centered around a planning for the future. Mike Paolantonio was introduced to assist with the planning discussion and subsequent budgeting process in cooperation with Tim and a core team to meet at a future date.

Wendy opened up the discussion by asking for ideas.

Bill suggested that we should engage leaders of organizations that focus on educating the youth on life issues like Center for Christian Virtue (CCV) and Created Equal both of which are linked on our website and followed on our Facebook page. Bill will contact Peter Range of CCV for suggested involvement ideas and Mark Harrington of Created Equal.

Judy relayed that Joan Nunnery has suggested getting involved at local colleges.

Fr. Jim suggested Students for Life and will follow with contacts of that organization and Live Action.

Cece suggested updating our members on current life topic legislation. Bill indicated that our website has a legislation button which links to Foundation for Life which is allowed by its 501(c)4 designation to engage politically. As a 501 c 3, we have to avoid direct political positions but can inform and list existing legislation and point to sites that have candidate positions. More will be considered.

Mike P suggested a marketing plan should be developed to promote the organization.

Holly mentioned that OCPS (the pregnancy services center) is available for presentations on current topics.

Dan Meyer suggested making Pro-Life labels (perhaps 100-200) with our logo and web site . Dan mentioned Café Press provides this service. We can also do this through Canva.

Carol mentioned Pre-born. Wendy will interface with Foundation for Life about speaking engagements.

Mike asked if grants are available and Tim will pursue that in the future.

Bill also mentioned the possibility of getting our own electronic billboard long term. This can cost from \$30K to \$200K and so Bill says it is just a dream at this point though several people indicated they would support it. He will be doing more research over the next several months.

Tim Kearney gave an update on the **Dec 2nd event**. We are all invited to a Respect Life-Men of Jesus The Christ(MOJTC) – Jadwisiak Family Christmas Party and celebration of Ki Jadwisiak's 100th birthday (BORN 12/4/1926) on **Wednesday, DECEMBER 2ND AT THE CROWS NEST ON BUCK RD IN DANBURY TWP.** **Cost will be \$30 per person.** Each group will give a talk about what they do and their mission.

Our Ottawa County clergy will also be invited and Scheibles or Foxes will invite Bishop Daniel Thomas once more details are available. All attendees will be invited to make an multi-year contribution to Respect Life Ministry.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Goes from 9/23/26 thru 11/1/26. Our group will pray at the Abortion Clinic for this on Tuesday OCTOBER 20. See attached sign up and please contact Wendy or Cece if you can join us.

Wendy asked for final signups on the Ottawa County Pregnancy Services annual fund-raiser on October 22nd at Gideon Owen (Fr. Jim is going) and said extra seats will be given to OCPS for their use. She also wanted final signups for the FFL event the same night and people responded to fill the table (Cece, Judy, Wendy and Joan W are going to this).

Carol spoke passionately about the March For Life bus trip in January and feels she can get sponsorship for the bus from some sources. Bill mentioned the KOC council 1750 has a \$500 budget item for this as well under his Life Director position. When asked who was going 5 of those present indicated an interest.

Shirts designs were selected from those presented by Bill. So far 10 sweatshirts, 5 polo shirts and 1 Tshirt were requested. Bill will follow with a form for the next meeting or on the web site if he can fit it in.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM and closed with a prayer.

Addendums:

October 20th 40 Days for Life Schedule of Prayer partners at the Toledo Abortion Clinic (aka Toledo Women's Center, 1160 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43612)

7-8 am – Wendy & Cece	8-9am-Add Carol & Judy	10am-12pm – Lori & Bill
12-2pm – Ed K and Tim K	2-3pm-Fr. Jim	3-5pm – Dave & Libby
6-7PM – Dan Meyer		

Next meeting October 21st, 2026, Denny Bergeman Hall at 4PM.

Respectfully submitted., William J Scheible,

Secretary, Webmaster