



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF OTTAWA COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Facilitator: President Wendy Worley

Secretary: Bill Scheible

IN ATTENDANCE

President, Wendy Worley; Treasurer Tim Kearney, Secretary Bill Scheible, Ed Kochalski, Cece Gettys, Lori Scheible, Carol Fox, Judy Geiger, Joan Nunnery, Fr. Jim Brown, Corresponding secretary Holly Cronau, Jan Kerul. Meeting Opened at 4:05 pm with a prayer including special prayers for Joyce Davis and Joan Washburn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July minutes were submitted by Libby in Bill's absence, read by all. Ed moved to approve. Jan Kerul added the 2nd and minutes were approved unanimously.

FINANCES

Treasurer Tim Kearney presented the Treasurers report showing current balance of \$58,771.02. Tim calculated the net from the fund raiser at \$41,523.43 following another \$1,000 that came in after the event. Bill moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Joan N seconded. Approval was unanimous.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Most of the discussion of the meeting centered around a debrief of our successful fund-raising event will all contributing to the discussion.

Positives

Decorations, it was fun! Cake, Music and volunteers were fabulous. Sponsorships, Auction, donations, ticket Sales and Baskets in that order was where the money came from.

Could have been better

Preparation for the ask was insufficient. The tables did not have envelopes so people could secure their pledges and the process of completing the form and then placing them in the envelopes and having a team member collect them was not explained. This this may explain part of why the amount from the event public ask only yielded \$1200-1500.

Town money saver ads were not helpful or necessary – the free ones were directed out of town, and after the fact of when tickets needed to be sold by. We all invited people, not necessary to pay for local advertising.

Didn't make \$\$ on the baskets because we had 21 not 10. We spent a lot putting them together, they didn't net much.

The auction should end prior to at the event as It was difficult for people to access at the event – needed to sign up ahead of time and have an account to participate. Wifi at the hall was iffy.



Food was cold, not the greatest – even though people don't come for the food, it's nice to have good food (eg Abigail, Foundation for Life, Fremont Heartbeat – all has good food).

Need better coordination of tracking (a centralized person) to collate thank yous, especially if others are sending the notes. The "completed" note needs to get to the coordinator so that this doesn't fall through the cracks. Thank you's for sponsors, donated items for auction, etc.

23/25 sponsors were not at the event. This is where most of the money came from. Don't need an event to raise the money.

Follow up from Event

Joan Nunnery has sent thank yous to most contributors and will coordinate those that have not yet been sent Thank You notes (like the \$1000 received at the meeting today). Bill agreed to prepare and send a Thank you poster to our church bulletins. This was done along with posting on web site & Facebook.

Wendy brought up that we need a planning session at our next meeting to determine what we will do with this successful fund-raising. We need to prepare a budget based on past expenditures and justify to our donors the benefit they will see from their contributions.

Bill said we have had many hits (about 1,000 since Feb) on our web site <https://equalitybeginsinthewomb.org/> and Facebook page but need to reach 100 followers or more to get some recognition on Facebook so everyone please invite others to follow the page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561019471951>.

Tim Kearney announced 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 **DECEMBER 2ND AT THE CROWS NEST ON BUCK RD IN DANBURY TWP. MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING AND WILL BE PUBLISHED TO MEMBERS OF EACH GROUP.** Joan (Jadwisiak) Washburn will take over as our group's President on that day as well. 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.

Admission will be \$30 but all 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. Please sign up for a time with Wendy or Cece.

Wendy brought up sponsoring the Ottawa County Pregnancy Services annual fund-raiser October 21st for \$400. Bill made a motion, Ed seconded and all approved purchasing that sponsorship. Also raised was the Foundation for Life dinner on the same day 10/21/26. Bill made a motion and Cece Seconded it with all approving to give \$500 for a table at that event.

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

Next meeting September 15th 2026, Denny Bergeman Hall at 4PM.

PLANNING MEETING-PLEASE ATTEND AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Respectfully submitted., William J Scheible,

Secretary, Webmaster