

TRANSFIGURATION WOMEN

MEETING 10/08/19

08 OCTOBER 2019 / 10:00 AM / PARISH HALL

ATTENDEES

13 ladies along with Stacey Holland, Executive Director, OPRC, and Tom Bell, Chairman of the Board, OPRC, attended the meeting.

AGENDA

Stacey Holland provided a very informative and very encouraging presentation regarding the work of the Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center (OPRC). The center opened its doors in Jacksonville 10 years ago and continues to grow. Stacey shared stories from clients they've helped. Last year they served 469 clients, provided 453 educational classes, and saved 39 lives. Services provided include:

- Pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, options counseling, and unplanned pregnancy support
- Post-abortion support bible study
- A Baby Boutique with maternity and baby items
- Adoption agency referrals
- Fatherhood mentoring

The center is staffed with volunteers that come from the local churches. They are always looking for volunteers. Funding for the center comes from donations (i.e. 63% from their annual banquet, 16% from individual churches, 13% from individuals monthly giving, & 6% from grants).

Cheryl Homan noted that Transfiguration has formed a task force to determine how to proceed with such an effort in Duplin County. To date, the task force has created signs that refer those needing help to OPRC. A mobile center has opened in Clinton and the group has been in touch with them as well. The task force is now expanding to include representation from other area churches.

Nationally, in 1991 there were 1.6 million abortions in the U.S. Today, that number has been reduced by half. So, pregnancy resource centers are having an impact. The baby shower items that will be collected at Mass the weekend of Oct 12-13 are for the benefit of the Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center.

Old Business

1. Karen Lutze read a number of thank you notes that were received regarding the Welcome Home Brunch. The brunch was very appreciated.
2. Karen Lutze distributed ballots related to the future organizational structure of this group. An announcement will be made at the weekend Masses, an email blast will go out, and the ballot will be placed in the Bulletin. All voting will be complete by Sunday, October 20th.

New Business

1. Donna Davis discussed two Right to Life marches taking place in January. On January 18th, there will be a Mass at 11 AM and a March at 1 PM in Raleigh. On January 24th there is an event in Washington, DC. Donna asked the group to think about which event Transfiguration should participate in. She will provide more information at our next meeting.
2. Our next meeting will be November 12th. Jeanne Jazowski will lead the group in making ornaments for the parish Christmas Tree.
3. A questionnaire will also be administered at the next meeting to solicit recommendations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Program Committee for our new organization. Members are asked to think about how they would like to serve the new organization.
4. Diana Nizamoff suggested that we consider doing a Christmas Tea for the December meeting. She will research and discuss this idea more at the next meeting.
5. Tish Vandiver noted that help is needed to decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 23rd. She will bring a signup sheet to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

- **Tuesday, November 12th, 10 AM, Parish Hall (Agenda-Christmas Craft)**
- **Refreshments: Diana Nizamoff, Barbara Jaco, & Rosanna Hirschkind**