



## ST. LAWRENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES from September 17, 2018

Present: Fr. Gary, Darby Helm, Brenda Anderson, Susie Wendland, Ted Hendricks, Scott Wiese, Jason Street, Dena Van Lith, Chris Kelly, Rondi Scoular

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Street.

Minutes were motioned for approval by Scott Wiese and seconded by Ted Hendricks.

New Officers/Members were welcomed. President for school year 2018-2019 is Jason Street and Secretary is Rondi Scoular. New members to the board are Chris Kelly and Ted Hendricks.

### **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Current Counts for the school year are as follows: Prek = 27, K = 13, 1st = 8, 2nd = 12, 3rd = 13, 4th = 13, 5th = 10, 6th = 7 making a grand total of 76 for k-12 and 103 for prek-6th.

There was discussion about ways to increase numbers and to retain pre-school students into Kindergarten. Possible answers include: ways to include the preschool to make them apart of the family and then will want to stay with St. Lawrence, send informational brochure to daycares, create brochure including testimonials.

There are scholarships/grants available to students. Kremers Scholarships which is \$10,000 split between 8 students and are available to either Catholic or non-Catholic students with financial need. There have been 2 families that have taken out Knights of Columbus Scholarships. The Presentation Sisters have \$750 for 3 students. South Dakota Partners of Education is a scholarship available to Kindergarten or 1st grade students or a new student and would be good for 3 years.

Accreditation is scheduled for September 19th.

Dinner Theater Theme is "80s Reunion Rub out" and some tickets have sold but there are many left for both nights.

The computer lab has all new monitors which have been purchased with Catholic United Financial assistance and school funds. A few new lab tops may need to be purchased in the near future. The LIFE group will purchase a new printer for the computer lab.

There have been some Safe Environment Changes which includes that one adult in each vehicle for field trips will have to have completed the Safe Environment training.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student council is off and running for another school year and full of many ideas again for the next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Fish House Raffle is underway and tickets sold at this time last year are about the same as this year. The funds for 2018 raffle will be designated to technology updates and classroom furniture such as new teacher's desks. There was discussion about next year's raffle and possibility of an ATV instead of a fish house but some downfalls of an ATV include security in the ATV from purchase until drawing, would need all money up front to purchase and would take away some of the possible raised funds.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There have been 300 tickets of 800 sold so far for the Fish House Raffle.

We will once again be selling Greenery but the trailer that Mark and Dena Van Lith had used in the past few years has been sold so they are looking for an available trailer that they could use to pick up the greenery.

The next meeting has been set for October 15th at 6:15 pm.

Scott Wiese motioned for adjournment and seconded by Rondi Scoular.

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Rondi Scoular*

*\*All school council meeting dates are published in the bulletin and listed on the parish website.*