



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from August 31, 2015

Dena Van Lith opened with a prayer and welcoming the new teachers and parents.

There were 22 people in attendance.

The meeting started with an update from Brenda Anderson on the start of the school year. She spoke about the Junior Achievement program (for 3rd, 5th, and 6th grades), which takes place for 6 weeks during the school year. It costs approx. \$500 per classroom to fund the program. The group runs on donations from throughout the community. We have not contributed in the past, but we decided that a small donation from our school would be a good idea. We can contact one of the Junior Achievement board members for questions.

She discussed the need of Chrome Books for the 5th and 6th grades. It would be \$4531 for 20 Chrome Books. A technology grant would be \$1000 and the Knights of Columbus would also have a donation. There is a new program which is called "Reading Plus", which essentially teaches the students how to silent read. There would be daily comprehension tests and the Chrome Books would be needed for this as well.

We are in need of a promethean board for the computer room.
The quote for this is \$3,300 installed.

There were some questions on how long we should keep up the Giving Tree. It has collected \$737 so far. The group felt we should leave it up at least until Fall Fun Day.

Rondi Scoular updated us on the Fun Run, which will be held on September 13 at 4pm. There was some discussion on the location because the Knights of Columbus decided to change the location of their picnic to the school. We decided that it would still be a great idea to have the run at Lake Farley, especially due to the current road construction conditions surrounding the school. Rondi donated sunglasses for the kids to wear during the run and also medals for them to receive at the finish line. She will be hanging up flyers and also passing them out with the kids at school. The cost is \$5 a person or \$20 per family.

Susie Wendland and Joan Lien spoke about the progress of the Dinner Theater. They asked for volunteers to do baskets by grade.

Preschool #1 – Susie Wendland, Janine Fonder, Kari Untalan, Rondi Scoular

Preschool #2 – Susie Wendland

K – Carrie Novy

1st - Mandy Peterson, Jodi Street

2nd - Dena Van Lith, Laurie Batchelor
3rd – Beth Snaza, Nancy Kruger
4th - Carrie Novy
5th - Tanya Schneck, Andera Wiese
6th - Paula Rausch, Angie Weber
Teacher Basket

Dena Van Lith spoke about the possibility of a Cancer Walk team. The consensus was that the teachers would be willing to help, but not to head up the group. It was suggested to ask Darby about her youth kids and also to possibly put in the bulletin to see if there was any interest in the parish.

Nancy Kruger spoke about the shirts for Mrs. Weissenfluh. She will be placing an order for youth sizes, adult sizes, and also hooded sweatshirts. Tuesdays are Louisa's treatment days and the teachers have been wearing their teal colored shirts on those days.

Carrie Novy spoke about fundraising ideas and a way we could raise funds for our needed technology upgrade. Her idea of a "Big Raffle" would (for example) sell 400 tickets at \$100 each, which would bring in \$40,000 and giving a \$10,000 prize to the winner. Not necessarily using those numbers, but maybe doing enough to cover the cost of the Chrome Books. The possibility of doing more than one winner was also brought up. This idea is still open for discussion.

We did decide to implement Anna Laskowske's "That's My Pan" fundraising idea. Dena will talk to Anna about getting the brochures passed out and getting that started.

We also decided on the dates for future LIFE meetings this school year. They will be November 9, January 11, March 14, and May 9th.

Dena closed the meeting with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Susie Wendland, LIFE Group Secretary/Vice President