



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from May 11, 2015

Dena Van Lith opened with a prayer, Hail Mary

There were 22 in attendance

There was a discussion on how much the LIFE group would be willing to contribute to the new sound system that will be installed this summer. A potential matched contribution with the parish would be \$4900. We discussed other possible ways that the money could be spent. Sister spoke from a risk management point of view and discussed installing a fence around the playground. There have been some vandalism issues and she feels that the fence is needed for the safety of our children as well as to protect our property from further instances. Our insurance would also be subject to a reduction with the addition of a fence. After the vote and meeting half way, it was decided to have the LIFE group contribute \$2000 towards the sound system.

Sister Beth Ann spoke regarding her transfer and the letter that she sent out to the parents. She asked if anyone had any questions and explained the circumstances of her transfer to Michigan.

Brenda Anderson briefed us on Mrs. Weissenfluh's health issues and we discussed what we could do to help her and her family with expenses. It was decided that we would have flowers delivered to the hospital during her surgery this week to start with. Everyone expressed interest in donating cash for gas and food, and/or Visa gift cards. The students have already made cards and a prayer quilt.

Dena spoke about the results from the gala. We had a very successful year, coming in at approximately \$35,000! We had a lot of positive feedback on the horseshoe and visited about possibly using the St Lawrence logo (vs the gala logo) on souvenir items in the future. We discussed possible themes for next year including some ideas of a black and white theme and also a masquerade ball.

Anna Laskowske spoke about a new fundraising idea called "That's My Pan" and how it could be a benefit to us without having to go door-to-door.

Carrie Novy spoke about another new fundraising option, having a quarter auction. It is a one-time fundraiser and only takes an application and a handful of volunteers to be a success.

Jean Graf spoke about "The Big Raffle", which is another new fundraising idea. People could buy a ticket for an amount (example of \$100) and if we sold (example of 400 tickets), the payout could potentially be \$10,000. This sort of idea creates its own prize with very minimal expenses.

There was a lot of interest in these new ideas and Dena will send an email later in the summer or early fall to see if we are interested and how to proceed.

Carrie and Dena asked the teachers about field day and what their thoughts were on needing volunteers. There are several people that need one more event to meet their volunteer requirement for the year and would possibly need to help with something... whether it is field day or some other activity to help the teachers at the end of the school year. The teachers will meet and decide how they would like to proceed.

We also spoke about doing a going away gift for Sister Beth Ann and decided to do a prayer quilt and a group photo of the children.

We were unable to do the drawing for the \$100 attendance prize, but it will be done soon and the winner will be notified.

Our next meeting will be in the fall

We closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Susie Wendland, LIFE Group Secretary/Vice President

