



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from January 12, 2015

15 members in attendance.

Meeting began with a prayer led by Nancy Kruger.

Sister Beth Ann discussed the upcoming 125th anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Sioux Falls at the Sanford Premiere Center on January 21. St. Lawrence grades 3-6 will be attending. Transportation will be provided by the Sioux Falls dioceses.

On January 23rd we will be starting the Catholic United Financial raffle. The school is collecting donations for prizes as an incentive for the kids to sell tickets. If the kids reach the goal of \$20,000 then they get to give Father Gary a pie in the face and duct tape Sister Beth Ann to a chair and scoot her around the gym.

This year's Catholic School Week theme is "Jesus is our Treasure Forever" and will have a beach theme. The teachers will post a list of supply items they need as donations. What is not donated will be paid for by the LIFE group. Saturday will be the kick off mass, bbq dinner and bingo. The teachers will be serving the meal. We will also send out a list of items needed for this meal to be donated and what is not donated, will be paid for by the LIFE group. We will plan for 300 people.

Mardi Gras was originally scheduled for February 15, but it was brought to our attention that there is more activities already scheduled for that day and there was concern we may lose families to the outside activity. We changed the date of Mardi Gras to February 8 which had less already scheduled. The school staff is handling the raffle portion of Mardi Gras this year. They plan to only sell the raffle tickets the day of the event. Mandy Pederson and Sandy Micko are chairing this event. Thank you Ladies!

The first Gala meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 at the school. The theme this year is the Roaring 20's.

The group was reminded that the current officer terms of the LIFE group are technically up at the end of the school year. The members are asked to consider stepping in to one of the positions.

The topic of "fundraising vs tuition" was brought up mainly because we have such a hard time getting volunteers for events and to get a conversation going as to how we can get more people involved. Should we continue to have all of these fundraisers or should we just ask for the tuition to be raised and have only two main fundraisers? Sister Beth Ann suggested a poll of parents to see what the feeling would be on this topic.

We then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting was adjourned for the school staff.

The rest of the members stayed to discuss gifts for the teachers and school staff for Catholic Schools week. Nothing is taken out of the LIFE funds, it is all donations. Nancy Kruger will send out an email to the rest of the parents letting them know of this and asking for donations for the lunch we provide for the staff on Wednesday. That night we already collected some donations and parents volunteered to handle each day's gift.

- Monday – Sandra Fonder
- Tuesday – Susie Wendland
- Wednesday – Nancy Kruger will get the lunch orders from the teachers and staff
- Thursday – Beth Snaza
- Friday – Dena Van Lith

In total we were given \$185 from donations. \$125 went to lunch and the remaining \$60 went \$20 each to Sandra Fonder, Susie Wendland and Beth Snaza to help with the cost of their “gifts.”

Dena Van Lith

LIFE Group Secretary

