



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from March 11, 2013

LIFE group met on March 11th with 16 members present.

Meeting began with a prayer led by Nancy Kruger.

Andrea Wiese, 3rd grade teacher, gave an update on what her class and other classes were doing during lent and different activities we can do at home with our children. Ideas listed were: taking the time to come to stations, go to mass, have a Lenten promise each day, saying the rosary, read from the bible, study a saint of the day, make a prayer chain of 40 links and cut one off each day, say a special prayer for someone, color a cross, read Easter stories. Giving up something is great, but doing something special is a great thing too!

Update was given by Anna Laskowske regarding 2013 Mardi Gras. Ticket sales - \$1,082.05, Raffle - \$1,265.50, Brunch - \$1014.50 for a total of \$3,362.05 before expenses. Mardi Gras was enjoyed by many as were the new games. Good attendance from St. Lawrence student families, not a lot of parish support following the 8:00am mass. Fr. Gary stated he wasn't sure if breakfast was being served after the first mass or not. Ideas discussed about how to increase attendance: put in area church bulletins and not just the paper, make a statement after each mass inviting the parish, asked if we could put in another spot in our bulletin and not just the school news as many parish members do not read that if their child doesn't attend school here. Ideas will be used next year.

Dena VanLith and Nancy Kruger gave a quick update about the upcoming Gala. Posters are up and raffle tickets are out. Invitations will be mailed soon. This year's theme is An Enchanted Evening of Magic and Merriment. Dena suggested joining the St. Lawrence Gala facebook page for information. The committee continues to work on donations, games and prizes. Anyone who wants to help can contact Dena VanLith or Kim Eisenschenk.

Nancy talked about the new school website. Hoping to be up soon needs a little more information and Nancy is working on some pictures too. Will be a k12 address and will be available to the St. Lawrence teachers and staff first so they can make any changes if needed. Website will be linked to the parish site as well.

Sherry Monson talked about St. Lawrence yearbooks and wanted to see how many parents are interested in these. Volume isn't large enough to bring cost down any. Ideas listed to have them sign up and pay for them at registration in August like it is done at the high school. Discussed sending out a parent survey to see how many families are interested. Kate Capp suggested LIFE helping to sponsor some of the fee. No decisions were made as it's too late for current school year.

Carrie Novy, treasurer, gave an update on the checkbook. Currently we have \$7,400.40 (spendable) in the LIFE account. We still need to cover expenses for Mardi Gras and some teacher slush funds.

Upcoming events: St. Lawrence Gala – April 26th at Shady Beach Supper Club.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at 7:30pm

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Jodi Street, Secretary

