

## LIFE GROUP MINUTES from March 9, 2015

LIFE meeting minutes for March 9, 2015 with 21 in attendance

Dena Van Lith (new LIFE president) opened with a prayer

Mandy Peterson spoke about Mardi Gras. We netted approximately \$2,500. Everyone seemed very happy about the event and had many positive comments.

Carrie Novy spoke about the progress on planning for the gala. The invitations are out. Donations are still coming in and we have a lot of great prizes. There will be a few new games this year, including a horse race instead of deal or no deal. Susie Wendland spoke about the ornament we will have the students personalize and showed a sample to the people present at the meeting.

Father Gary spoke about a possible new sound system for the gym, which would benefit the overflow for mass and also the Christmas and spring school programs. The quote is from Power Sound in Aberdeen for approximately \$13,000. He feels that it would be an improvement to the school and parish environment and asked if the LIFE group would take on a portion of the expenses. Carrie Novy suggested that we vote on this during the next LIFE meeting.

Candee Cloos spoke about the changes to Catholic United Financial. There will be three grants for good (Family, Faith, and Service based). We would need to form a "parish volunteer team" which consists of five members, all being members of Catholic United. We would then have an opportunity to have a grant in all three areas. Father Gary spoke about this being another step moving towards a "Blue Ribbon School". The general consensus is that this team is something that we need to form. Many people present at the meeting said that they would step up as a part of this team and were interested or had questions about becoming members of Catholic United.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2015

We closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Susie Wendland, LIFE Group Secretary/Vice President