



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from March 13, 2017

The LIFE meeting was held on March 13, 2017 with 16 people attending.

Mandy Pederson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Susie Wendland provided an update on the Gala. The theme this year is "A Stroll Through the Seasons." Invitations should be going out at the end of the week. Raffle tickets will also be sent home with the students very soon. This year we are going to have an app for the silent auction. You will download the app to your phone and do your bidding from there. This way people who are not able to attend will be able to bid on the silent auctions items. We will also have the wall of money again this year. We will wait to hand out prizes until the night of the Gala this year. We will again make ornaments with all the students for parents to buy. The meal this year will be Filet Mignon or Roasted Duck.

Mandy Pederson gave a recap of Mardi Gras. The day of the event, we brought in \$1,028 for the meal, \$1,197 on ticket sales, and \$161 on the raffle. We still have some outstanding expenses, but we should make approximately \$2,000. After all the income and expenses are submitted, we may get some money from Catholic United Financial as a grant.

Susie Wendland updated the group on student council. The Lap-A-Thon is complete now. Ribbons and medals were given out to the kids that participated. Student Council will also make treat bags for the kids who will be doing testing. They have been thinking of many ideas such as teacher appreciation ideas, a bake sale, and a reading project.

Brenda Anderson discussed school news. There were many items presented to the group. The group voted and approved the following technology items:

1. Four Chromebook storage carts totaling approximately \$1058
2. Technology for Preschool – 2nd grade
 - a. iPad Minis – 14 @ \$260
 - b. iPad Mini Cases – 14 @ \$25
 - c. Apple TV (allows iPad to be accessible to the Promethean Board) 4 @ \$110
 - d. Charging Stations 3 @ \$55

Total for iPads and accessories is approximately \$4,595

3. CPU for the computer teacher – approx. \$400
4. Technology portion for the music curriculum - \$900
5. Three Chromebooks- Approx. \$600

The group also approved the following items:

1. Donation of \$100 to Junior Achievement
2. Jason Folkerts Cartoon 101 Day Package on April 20th for \$600
3. Handwriting workbooks for \$325
4. Phonics workbooks for \$175
5. Purchase popcorn for the students when they go to the movie theater as their reward for reaching the goal for the Catholic United Financial Raffle - \$120

Brenda Anderson also mentioned a fundraiser idea from Usborne Greeting Cards that we may do in the Fall. The students could sell boxes of greeting cards and the school would receive a portion of the money back.

Susie Wendland provided a financial updated for the checking account. We currently have approximately \$20,000. \$12,200 of this is money set aside for technology upgrades from the fish house raffle & \$2,500 is membership deposits that we cannot spend. These totals do not account for the items that were approved earlier in the meeting.

Mandy Pederson closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mandy Pederson, LIFE group Vice President/Secretary

