



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from May 20, 2013

LIFE group met on May 20 with 21 members present.

Meeting began with a prayer led by Nancy Kruger.

Dena Van Lith gave us a recap of the Gala. We netted \$36,500 for this year. It was well attended and had good reviews. Dena also stated that she was looking for someone to co-chair next year with her as Kim Eisenshenk wants to step down from co-chairing.

We discussed the Open House/Potluck for next fall. Last year it was held after Saturday night mass. It was not well attended and the teachers still had parents coming in on Monday to bring in school supplies. It was decided that we would let the teachers take care of the open house on a Sunday night like they did in the past and we would plan a potluck/bbq for another date.

Rhondi Scouler approached Sherry Monson about organizing a Fun Run/Walk to be held in the fall. This would be a fundraiser as well as a healthy fellowship for the church and community. Other ideas were variations were discussed, such as; Bike Poker Run, Color Run, Bike and Stride. Laurie Batchelor, Tanya Schneck, and Jodi Street volunteered to help Rhondi in organizing.

It was decided that we would not do a raffle where we sell tickets prior to Mardi Gras anymore. It was felt that we have too many raffles going on in a short amount of time. It was suggested that we use the donated items as door prizes or silent auction. We will discuss this further as we get closer to the event time.

We will be doing the Supply Tree again this year. It was well received by the parents as well as the parishioners. We will get a list of supplies needed from the school staff as well as from the RE teachers.

Nancy Kruger let the group know that LIFE bought 3 new computers for the teachers. Carey Novy updated us on the checkbook; even after we paid for the computers we still have a balance of \$6538.00.

We voted on the requirements of the \$50 activity fee. We decided to keep the amount at \$50 and require 2 activities but changed what counts as an activity. Those who volunteer to be room moms will NOT be counted, but those who do library WILL be counted. LIFE group board members will count as 1 activity. If someone chairs an event it will count as 2 activities and therefore complete their requirement. Those who volunteer to do field trips will not count as an activity.

It was asked of the group if they felt we would get more attendance for the group meetings if we offered a speaker on various topics. It was voted down with a few stating that they didn't want the meeting to get too long.

There was also talk about putting terms on LIFE board positions and for chairing events so that those who volunteer to serve these positions are not locking in for years, also to get some fresh ideas. We will revisit this topic at our August 2013 meeting.

Nancy Kruger's name was drawn for the \$100.

Next meeting will be held in August 2013

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dena Van Lith, Secretary

