



## LIFE GROUP MINUTES from September 17, 2012

Friends of St. Lawrence/LIFE group met on September 17th with 22 members present.

Carrie Novy, treasurer, gave an update of the checking account. Currently there is \$4,264.85, deposits from \$50.00 have been made. To this date there are 6 families that have not paid, not including kindergarten.

Discussed the success of the giving tree that was put up this year, Mrs. Monson stated that many items were purchased for the school and RE classes and that it went well.

Slush funds were discussed and voted on to continue a \$75.00 fund for each teacher.

Many thoughts and concerns discussed on the \$50.00. The \$50.00 was voted on last year to try and get more people involved in fundraising activities. Discussed that donated items are greatly appreciated, but do not count towards getting money back. It was voted by the entire group present that being a library helper, a room parent or driving for a field trip did not count toward a LIFE activity, as that was discussed as a parent volunteering their time. All were in favor and agreed that in order to receive your \$50.00 back at the end of each school year, we need families to work/help/participate in two LIFE activities.

Jennifer Osowski, president, brought up the idea presented to her to decrease the number of LIFE meetings. Was discussed that we may get more members if we had less meetings and also that all of our LIFE activities have smaller committees that meet at other times and give updates at the LIFE meeting. Months that we need a meeting are when our activities are being held:

- August: School kick off, Mystery Dinner Theater, Plan events throughout school year
- November: Discussion of Dinner Theater, Catholic Schools Week
- February: Mardi Gras/Brunch
- April: Gala, Field day (last day of school activities)

All members present were in favor of having a LIFE meeting every 3 months.

Mystery Dinner update was given: Each classroom is in charge of doing one basket, preschool would be doing 2. Room parents would get together to decide on a theme and put basket together. Carrie Novy stated to not ask for more than \$5.00 from each student for the basket.

Andrea Wiese reminded members that we can fill out up to 10 volunteer cards per event from Catholic United Financial.

Angie Weber brought up the idea of providing concessions (next year) for the Whetstone Valley youth football games. Games usually run from 9:30-11:30am on Saturdays (Sept.-Oct.) and we could offer things like bottled water, Gatorade, rolls, granola bars etc. Jodi Street agreed to look into person to contact and give an update at next meeting.

LIFE group will be donating 2 Mystery Dinner Theater tickets for St. Lawrence Fall Fun Day.

Discussion of new officers, no one was in favor at this time. Ideas brought up on how to get more members to attend meetings, offering an incentive such as a tuition coupon. Everyone present at each meeting will have a chance to put their name in a pot to win. More details will take place on this at next meeting.

Upcoming LIFE events: Mardi Gras/Brunch - February 10th

Next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 12th @ 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.

*Jodi Street, Secretary*

