



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from September 12, 2016

LIFE meeting was held on September 12, 2016 with 27 people attending.

Mandy Pederson opened the meeting with a prayer. New LIFE board was introduced – Susie Wendland is President, Mandy Pederson is Vice President/Secretary, and Rachel Hendricks is Treasurer.

Rondi Scouler spoke about the color run. There were about 100 participants with a profit of \$390. \$40 was used to fund the picnic held after the race at Lake Farley. The event was a success and the group was happy with the amount of participants that the run brought in.

There are only a handful of tickets remaining for the fish house raffle. A discussion was held on if we should draw a winner earlier than December 14th as the tickets stated. Brenda Anderson was going to ask Father Gary. The LIFE group should make \$12,400 profit from this raffle. The group extended a huge thank you to Steve and Terri Brown for all the work and time they have put into this raffle.

Susie Wendland discussed the new student council program that started. Their first meeting was last Wednesday and had great participation from the students. The group will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. Two students per grade are on the student council. Kindergarten and 1st grade will rotate students quarterly while grades 2-6 will rotate per semester. The vice president is a 5th grader and the president is a 6th grader. The first meeting the kids listed 30 reasons why they love St. Lawrence. There is a bulletin board displaying their answers by the office.

Susie Wendland discussed the progress of the Dinner Mystery Theater. The title this year is the "The Conundrum on the Crackerjack Cruise." The event will be held at the Speedway on Oct. 7th and 8th. The event typically makes between \$9,000 to \$12,000. Susie asked for volunteers to do baskets by grade. Baskets will be displayed starting September 30th. We will also post them on the schools website.

Preschool #1 - Carrie Novy & Janine Fonder
Preschool #2 - Carrie Novy & Janine Fonder
Kindergarten – Rachel Hendricks & Susie Wendland
1st Grade – Heidi Muellenbach & Susie Wendland
2nd Grade – Jodi Street, Anna Laskowske, & Mandy Pederson
3rd Grade – Dena Van Lith
4th Grade – Nancy Kruger & Tanya Schneck
5th Grade – Joan Lien & Susie Wendland
6th Grade – Anna Laskowske & Tanya Schneck
Staff – Brenda Anderson

Brenda Anderson discussed school news. The chrome books that the LIFE group helped purchase are now in use. Grades 3-6 now all have Chrome Books and 2nd grade has one. Brenda asked the group if they would be interested in purchasing two easels, one for the Preschool room and the other for the 1st grade room. The easels are approximately \$210 each before a school discount would be applied. The group voted to purchase the easels for both classrooms.

The LIFE group's checkbook will now remain in the schools office. Receipts are required for any purchases. The LIFE group will need to approve all checks that are issued out of the account at the meetings. We will discuss with Father on if the board can meet between regularly scheduled meetings to approve payments as they are presented to the group. There are only 4 or 5 LIFE meetings a year. The group approved the payment of \$100 to each teacher for their slush fund for this school year. They must submit receipts for reimbursement.

Laura Kelly had presented an option for the LIFE group to do concessions at the movie in the park on September 24th. We felt we would not be able to be prepared in time. There was discussion that this may be a good thing for student council to do sometime in the future.

The following meetings were scheduled for the LIFE group: November 14th, January 9th, March 13th, & May 8th.

Mandy closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mandy Pederson, LIFE group Vice President/Secretary

