



LIFE GROUP MINUTES from September 17, 2018

The LIFE meeting was held on September 17, 2018 with 20 people attending.

Mandy Pederson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Susie Wendland provided an update on the fish house raffle. We are estimating that 300 tickets out of the 800 available have been sold. Steve Brown has been attending events and selling tickets at all those events. We will also get some tickets to Kari Untalan to sell at Valley Liquor.

Susie Wendland talked about how the school is planning a Family Movie Night on November 9 at 6:15 pm. This is a parish wide event sponsored by the LIFE group and Catholic United Financial. It will be free and held in the gym. People will be invited to bring blankets or chairs to sit on.

Susie Wendland discussed the progress of the Dinner Mystery Theater which will be held October 12 and 13 at the Speedway Event Center. This year the play was written by John Lightfield and is called "80's Reunion Rub-Out." Susie asked for volunteers to do baskets for each grade. Baskets will be displayed the weekend before the event in the gathering space, at the Grandparent's Mass reception, and at the theater event both Friday and Saturday night. Winners will be drawn at the end of the performance on Saturday night.

Preschool – Nicole Brehmer & Sarah Pulling

Kindergarten – Carrie Novy

1st Grade – Sarah Whipkey

2nd Grade – Susie Wendland & Rachel Hendricks

3rd Grade – Dena Van Lith & Heidi Muellenbach

4th Grade – Megan Montag

5th Grade – Jennifer Osowski

6th Grade – Tanya Schneck & Mandy Pederson

Brenda Anderson discussed School News. Our enrollment numbers are down by 20 kids. Total enrollment is at 103. The group discussed ideas that could be used to increase our enrollment numbers. Some ideas discussed were having a Kindergarten Roundup, getting fliers to daycares,

having a float in the parades, having a booth at the Farm & Home Show, & getting information about the school into the moving packet at the Chamber office. We all agreed that word of mouth and testimonials will probably be the most effective recruitment method.

On Wednesday the school is having accreditation done. This needs to be done every 5 years. If any areas are found to need improvement, there is a 3 month window to fix them. The computer lab has new monitors from a Catholic United Financial grant. There are a few teachers that will be needing new laptops soon. The LIFE group will help pay for them. We may also look into buying new desks for the teachers.

Greenery sales will start soon. This year we are in need of a 40 foot trailer for the pickup of greenery. Mark and Dena Van Lith have volunteered to pick up the greenery but need a trailer to use. We will look around for this.

Susie Wendland discussed student council. The new members have been selected and meetings have begun. Gemma Street is the president of the student council for the first half of the year. Some ideas that student council is working on is painting pumpkins pink for Avera to display for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They will again buy Thanksgiving meals for two families in need. They are also thinking of organizing Jump Rope for Heart.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 7:00 pm.

Mandy Pederson closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mandy Pederson, LIFE Group Vice President/Secretary



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