



## LIFE GROUP MINUTES from November 9, 2015

Dena Van Lith opened with a prayer.

The meeting started with a recap of the color run by Rondi Scoular. The attendance was wonderful. It was very successful and everyone had a lot of fun. She earned over \$500.

Susie Wendland had a recap of the dinner theater. It was very successful. It was discussed if a matinee performance would be good to have in the future. We also noted that there were many more children in attendance this year.

Dena discussed the changes in authorizations on the checking account. Both Dena and Susie were added to the account. We discussed if it would be beneficial to obtain a debit card for the account in order to purchase items online. The group agreed that we should indeed get the card.

Carrie Novy discussed the benefit for Wayde Fraasch on December 6th at Speedway. We decided that St Lawrence could be in charge of providing dessert for approx. 500-600 people. (which is approx. 80 dozen bars or cupcakes). We will start a sign up sheet in the school office. We will also do a raffle or basket item as a school. It was suggested that an ipad would be a good idea. If there are any people who would like to do a separate basket or donation they can be dropped off at American Lutheran Church or at the school.

Nancy Kruger talked about the Mrs. Weissenfluh shirts. We have received \$385 in donations for her. We will all wear our shirts to mass on the 20th of November. And since her treatments are finished, we are free to wear them whenever we want (instead of just on Tuesdays).

Carrie Novy spoke briefly about the Gala on April 29, 2016. She is thinking of a possible Wizard of Oz theme. The date was set for the first Gala meeting to be on January 6th at 6:30pm

Mardi Gras is scheduled for February 7, 2016 and Mandy Peterson is chairing this event.

Brenda Anderson spoke about the Chrome Books. They have arrived and the total is \$4533. The Knights of Columbus, Catholic United Financial, The family of Elaine Lubbesmeyer, and the LIFE group will be funding this cost. The cost from LIFE is approx \$1319.00

The "That's My Pan" order will go in on November 16th. So far this has been a very successful fundraiser and people seem to be very pleased with the quality of the product.

The Christmas Greenery sales are \$15,674. The Van Liths are picking the greenery up on the 19th. (This is an increase of \$520 from last year.)

The book fair was a huge success and all new books have been received and in circulation. We look forward to doing it next year on the same week as our Grandparents Mass. It seemed to be a huge draw for the children and the grandparents during the open house and craft time. We raised \$1962.

We had our first "Stay Safe" drill. Overall, it was a success.

We discussed the Smile Amazon program and Susie Wendland will be setting that up so our school will be receiving 0.5% of all purchases made through our St Lawrence link.

The next LIFE meeting will be on January 11, 2016

Dena closed the meeting with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

*Susie Wendland, LIFE Group Secretary/Vice President*

