

## St. Gertrude Athletic Boosters Meeting Monday February 18, 2013

In attendance: Dan Hartung, Bob Siebert, Brad Bursa, Andrew Tallarigo, Craig Coburn, Marc Gerwel, Rose Walsh, Gretchen Finnif, Greg Logsdon, Bob Volz

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm followed by a prayer led by Dan Hartung.

### **COORDINATOR REPORTS**

Girls Basketball – Bob Volz reported that that he will work with Steve Denison to get registrations setup and the website next month.

Football – Craig Coburn reported that that he is waiting on SASEAS to approve the football merger. They are currently debating the football registration fee. Have not approved merger on their end through Boosters, not anticipating issues but nothing presented yet, not sure what hold up is. Bandits may be an issue with SASEAS pastor. Hoping to get registrations out end of next week (2/25) through website. The league meeting was more of a meet and greet, only 1 rep from each program will participate in sub-committees, trying to get on structuring committee. Our board asking for a firm date from SASEAS with final decision on merger. Craig is giving them a few more days and will reach out to their Booster President.

Girls Volleyball – Kerry Vollmer reported that the season officially wraps up next weekend. Tournament play begins the following weekend. We are hosting tournament games on Saturday March 2. Will notify Janet Dorger of additional tournament games we picked up. Received sample evaluation forms to review with evaluation committee. Boosters will need to add volleyball to list of coordinators we are looking for next year.

Boys Basketball – Bob Siebert reported that the boys basketball CYO Tournament starts this weekend. SGS hosts three games Friday night and eleven on Saturday, volunteers are being provided by each basketball team for an assigned game. Season has gone smoothly. Will get with Marc to work out end of season surveys to have ready for publication in the beginning of March. Bob is going to send Dan a master list of players for tracking of G's and pins for distribution. Pat Tabler's son is coaching at a college and requested our basketball distribution list for promoting a camp. will ask for email flyer to distribute rather than give our list to someone outside of our organization. Discussion held about a student who quit a basketball team and proceeded to wrestle. As stated in handbook, this student would be ineligible for next season unless case is presented and voted on by board. Bob will reach out to parents to remind them of how the handbook reads. We did offer a refund based on conflict of practices, so may be a non issue.

Track – Gretchen Finnif reported that in last week of registration, added additional schools to our program due to the All Saints team disbanding. We picked up Nativity, All Saints, SVF, and St Michael in

addition to Good Shepherd Montessori who has run with us in the past. We have 94 athletes so far. Coaches meeting this Friday. Signed up a masters student to be our field coach. Practice will begin first full week of March. Will work through list of coaches and have them attend SL training in March. Will also get list of coaches and their organizations to Shari for SL, fingerprinting, child protection update. Most coaches have completed these requirements as they have coached at their respective schools/parishes.

Baseball/Softball – Coleen Glorius was not in attendance. Via email, she reported that we do not have enough players registered to field any teams. All of the registrants were called and asked if they were interested in Boosters trying to find another school for them to join. Only one parent said she would like to do that. Steve will return the fees the parents paid. CYO is not fielding softball. The one parent interested in finding another team has changed their mind and would like a refund.

A suggestion was made to look at golf, soccer or boys volleyball as possibility to replace baseball/softball. Send out a survey to school, ccd asking about interest.

Cheerleading – Darla Wainscott was not in attendance.

Virtues - Andrew Tallarigo reported that beginning with 2013 Fall Sports Registrations, a checkbox needs to be added to ALL online registrations stating, "I have read the entire Boosters' Handbook and I agree to abide by all of the stipulations set forth in the handbook inasmuch as they pertain to me as a parent, coach, or coordinator." Registrations will not be able to be completed if the box is not checked. **Per Fr. Andre Joseph, this is not negotiable.**

There is a need for suitable medical and legal liability release forms for all sports. Also, implementing a policy that all coaches should have liability and medical release forms with them at all practices, games and other activities.

Sports Leader training dates remaining in 2012-2013 school year are on the Booster website: 03/06, 04/10, 05/10 7:00-8:00pm – Parish Center

Trainers – Nick F, Marc G., Rob G., Brian R., and Andrew T

Andrew to add two sessions in July. Need to coordinate schedules of trainers prior to setting dates. Call Jennifer Delaney in parish office to reserve Parish Center lobby or St. Joe's room.

Ask Chris/Lou about SL campout – open to girls as well? Query made, not yet answered.

Sports Virtue Coordinator (SVC) for a particular sport is responsible to make sure that everyone is trained. Brad Bursa to will forward Google Doc with coaching requirement info. for SL compliance. Andrew will have SL training info. on the master SL tracker. If a coach is not trained, SVC is to call coach to suspend that coach from team activities until trained.

Sports Masses need to get on school calendar each year - Boosters responsibility. Need communication /commitment from sports coordinators. Spring Sports 2013 Mass: - Judy will check with Colleen  
Fall Sports 2013 Mass - 08/18/2013, Winter Sports 2013 Mass - 12/08/2013

Mandatory continued education for already trained coaches - mentoring (ongoing), and potluck/speaker will count as Continuing Ed., as well as attendance at ANY SL program they attend. Upcoming Spring program to be late April/early May. Get word out in newsletters/bulletins as much as possible.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Treasurer** – Steve Denison was not in attendance.

**Secretary** – Christina Tkacz was not in attendance.

**Vice Presidents** – Rose Walsh reported that the evaluation/try-out committee met last week to standardize forms and process. Reviewed St Columban's evaluation forms which are very similar to ours. If they ask for the results, parents will not see the actual form but a tabulated spreadsheet. Going to add half point options to 1-5 results, such as 4.5, 2.5, etc. Forms will be adjusted via grade level as far as what evaluators are looking at. Get dates published sooner than later.

Marc Gerwel reported that winter spiritwear is wrapped up with a few minor product defects to address. Restressed the need for two adults to be present at all practices. Would like to have more signage and lighting for gym entrance. Brad will approach parish with this request.

**President** – Dan Hartung reported that Treasurer and Secretary positions will be open for election as current position holders are not seeking to renew their terms. Dan has not made his decision yet on running for re-election, but will let us know by next meeting. Boosters will be seeking nominations to fill open positions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Add check box at bottom of registration form saying whether or not parents have read and agree to Booster handbook. Cannot check-out of online registration without clicking yes.

Boosters needs to look at medical/liability release form signed by each parent for athletes. Will compare release forms from various organizations to standardize what we use as a parish form.

Boosters needs to secure a new concessions coordinator. Dan will reach out to Heather Brizendine.

Need to put something in place for checks and balances of finances and accounts.

Look into increasing the booster fee/registration fee to cover SL costs, etc. Define what this money can be used for, set a limit to be reimbursed for events.

Is Jayne O'Neill scholarship a school or parish award? Depending on answer, need to work on getting it publicized, marketed, etc.

The next Booster meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Notes taken by Marc Gerwel.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christina Tkacz*