

St. Gertrude Athletic Boosters Meeting Monday March 18, 2013

In attendance: Dan Hartung, Rose Walsh, Marc Gerwel, Christina Tkacz, Steve Denison, Bob Siebert, Greg Logsdon, Brian Redden, Kerry Vollmer, Bob Volz, Gretchen Finniff, Judy Suddendorf, Brad Bursa, Andrew Tallarigo, Lesley & Tim Marsh, Greg Tkacz, Dee Benson, John Mulvaney, Jose & Teresa Baldan, Heather Brizendine, Carla Hellman, Coleen Glorius

The meeting was called to order at 7:00m followed by a prayer led by Dan Hartung.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Girls Basketball – Bob Volz reported that he has worked on the 2013 registration form, and it is ready to be sent as soon as fees are finalized. All equipment has been collected and put away. Registration will begin as soon as form is submitted, shooting for mid-May.

Football – Craig Coburn attended the March 6 GCYL meeting. League structure is still considering whether to maintain the four division/East-West format for 2013. The most likely scenario is a 3 division/9 team structure based on historical performance over the last few seasons. We are likely to end up at the top of the middle division. League fees are increasing, most likely to a minimum of fifty dollars per team. The new concussion law is an issue that was discussed in detail and will be discussed later in the meeting, but which impacts all sports not just football. Several organizations are undergoing mergers in the same way that we are.

Helmets need to go out for reconditioning in the next few weeks. It is our intention to go back to Capital Varsity given the lack of performance by Schutt through Koch sporting goods.

SASEAS boosters have given full and final approval for the 2013 merger of our respective programs. The combined organization will internally be referred to as "Bulldog Football" and under the league structure will be known as St. Gertrude/Saint Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Because we have sufficient uniforms to outfit approximately 100 players, the traditional Bulldog uniform will be used for at least 2013 and the foreseeable future until those may need to be replaced. Home games will be played at Madeira High School and practices will be held at Seton's facility on Buckwheat road in Milford. Registration for all players will be \$145 in both organizations intend to commence registration in the next couple of weeks. We still need to finalize issues related to the cheer programs. Coordinators intend to draft an email to go to all parents announcing the parameters of the 2013 merger of the programs and to set a meeting in order to begin working on logistics for transportation due to the move of practice from DAV to Seton.

John Mulvaney has volunteered to be football coordinator for the 2013 football season.

Girls Volleyball – Kerry Vollmer reported that teams have started to collect uniforms. Pins and letters were distributed through school. Surveys were sent to coaches today to be distributed to their teams.

Judy Suddendorf addressed the concern about athletes who play club that do not show up for games, especially tournament games. Board discussed the issues that surrounded this dilemma. Marc Gerwel volunteered to contact other Booster Boards to ask if they have policies in place for this situation.

Boys Basketball – Bob Siebert reported that the end of season surveys have been sent to coaches for distribution.

Track – Gretchen Finniff reported that there are 126 athletes running track this year. First meet is April 4/5. Varsity coach looking to move practice to Cincinnati Country Day one night a week at a cost (\$50/hr...). Board voted and request denied.

Baseball/Softball – Coleen Glorius had nothing to report.

Cheerleading – Darla Wainscott was not in attendance. Dan reported that Darla is waiting for football to resolve before sending out cheer registrations.

Concessions – There is not a concessions coordinator in place for the 2013-14 school year.

Virtues - Andrew Tallarigo reported the upcoming trainings are in April and May. These dates have been posted on Booster website. There are two more set for July...10th and 24th. July dates and times will be published on Booster website. Subsidy for team fun events was discussed. SL fun events are not intended to be expensive events. Brad suggested that Virtue Committee set guidelines and parameters around the expectations for the fun event.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Steve Denison reported that he needs to issue refunds to baseball/softball registrants . If a full refund is to be issued at a family's request, it will be less the online processing fee, unless extenuating circumstances exist, or St. Gertrude cancels the sport in which case a full refund will be issued.

Secretary – Christina Tkacz had nothing new to report.

Vice Presidents – Marc Gerwel reported that more coaches shirts need to be ordered for track. Will put spring spiritwear order form in Bulldog Bulletin in the next few weeks.

President – Dan Hartung reported that good relations need to be maintained with Madeira. He reiterated that only one contact person should be in touch with Madeira to manage communications.

Nominations: These nominees were present at the meeting and have been accepted. Marc Gerwel for President, Heather Brizendine for Treasurer. David Fermann was also nominated but not in attendance. Marc will contact him to ask if he would be willing to fill a one year VP position, or Recording Secretary position.

OLD BUSINESS

Organization/Communication chart – Marc Gerwel presented an organization/communication chart for better communication and resource availability to coordinators. Hoping to streamline the flow of information and resources available to our coordinators when requested. There was no objection to the chart and it will be implemented at the start of the 2013-2014 Booster year.

NEW BUSINESS

Lesley Marsh was in attendance to discuss concerns about not allowing four extra girls to run track who signed up late. CTYO is still allowing registrations to come in...questioning why we are not allowing them to run. No set team size, no tryouts, etc. Offered to take care of the registrations, but additions still refused.

Gretchen shared her insights on why she denied inclusion. Initial deadline concluded 2/15, then extended an additional week to 2/22, with two more weeks following that to get paperwork in.

Pros and cons were discussed as to allowing the late registrants to join. Judy and Gretchen will make the final decision and alert Lesley.

Track banner for 2010 CYO Girls Championship Track Team – has been missing for at least a few years. Greg Tkacz will get information (coaches and athletes names) to Marc Gerwel who will order the replacement banner.

Concussion Training/Certification – There are new rules and regulations surrounding concussion training from the State of Ohio. We will need to have spring coaches trained by 4/23/13. Brian shared information about this to the board. Discussion was held on how to implement.

First-Aid training for all coaches – will this become mandatory and do we look at getting ahead of the curve by combining concussion training, first aid and SL training in to one session.

The next Booster meeting will be held on April 15th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Tkacz