

St. Gertrude Athletic Boosters Meeting Monday September 17, 2012

In attendance: Dan Hartung, Rose Walsh, Marc Gerwel, Christina Tkacz, Steve Denison, Bob Volz, Kerry Vollmer, Maryann Logsdon, Bob Siebert, Greg Logsdon, Craig Coburn, Brian Redden, Brad Bursa, Coleen Glorius, Darla Wainscott, Andrew Tallarigo, Kendra Coburn, Heather Brizendine, Meredith DeBrunner, Jeff Plate

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm followed by a prayer led by Christina Tkacz.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Girls Basketball – Bob Volz reported things going well. He has secured an extra set of keys for gym. Backboard still has not been fixed. Asked whether or not we could use Madeira gyms (if available) for volleyball/boys basketball home games rather than having them at Sports Plus and Sports Express (where we lose revenue). Dan will check with the Madeira AD to see if this is a possibility.

Football – Brian Redden reported that things are running smoothly. St. Gertrude picked up a home game recently because St. Nick's could not secure their field at Roger Bacon. Since St. Nick lost their home game, St. Gertrude donated \$250 to them from our concessions revenue. Football fees for all Seton players have been received. Volunteer schedule is pretty well filled up. Currently, Pony and Reserve record is 2-2, Varsity 4-0.

Girls Volleyball – Kerry Vollmer reported that three evaluators have been tentatively lined up. Board raised questions as to familiarity of one of the evaluators with the girls. Discussion was held as to securing a different evaluator, securing an impartial supervisor, and a few folks to run the drills with the girls. Coordinators will provide a list of evaluators via email to the Board for review, with final vote at next meeting. Maryann Logsdon attended CYO meeting. Rosters can be edited up until the 6th match. 3rd and 4th grade teams are arranged geographically. Regarding inclement weather: sports coordinators are responsible for making decisions regarding gym closures and communicating decisions to all coaches, the CYO office, and CYO ref coordinators. It is the home coach's responsibility to alert the opposing team.

Boys Basketball – Bob Siebert reported that registrations will be in the bulletin this week. All coaches from last year are coming back with exception of one coach for current 7th grade. Will also need to secure 3rd grade coaches. Bob shared the projected budget. Need to schedule tryouts and secure evaluators.

Track – Judy Suddendorf and Gretchen Finniff were not in attendance.

Baseball/Softball – Coleen Glorius reported that at this point CYO does not predict having softball this year as last year they could not get enough teams to commit at any grade level to form leagues. The boy's baseball organizational meeting is generally held in January or beginning of February.

Cheerleading – Darla Wainscott reported that cheerleading is going well. Would like to hold a pep rally and has had a preliminary talk with Sister about the logistics.

Concessions – Thanks to Madeira for allowing us to store concessions items on site.

Virtues - Andrew Tallarigo had nothing new to report. Kerry Vollmer and Craig Coburn had concerns about a mandatory Virtues retraining that did not offer new information. Maryann Logsdon strongly suggested that training/retraining dates be published on the Boosters website, as well as in the Bulldog Bulletin.

Brad Bursa asked if fall sports are currently collecting the signed handbook page. Answer is yes. Steve is looking into putting a feature on the website allowing parents to “click here if you’ve read the handbook”.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Steve Denison reported on changes made to constitution with regard to spending (Section E. FINANCES, Item 2), that *written requests shall be submitted to the Treasurer and approved by vote for any expenditure in excess of \$200. If time is of the essence, a written request may be submitted to the treasurer who will approve/reject request with consent of two additional Board officers. Failure to do so will result in the expenditure being the responsibility of the purchaser.* This change was previously approved by the Board via email prior to this meeting.

Ordering spiritwear – discussion held on setting up pre-ordering for all sports, similar to the way football handles it. Benefits include avoid managing an inventory, take responsibility off coaches hands, etc.

Secretary – Christina Tkacz reported that the September minutes were sent out for review and approval, and were subsequently published in the Bulldog Bulletin.

Vice Presidents – Marc reported on the consolidation of the Bulldog logo. Reasons for doing this include increase in purchasing power, more uniform look, identifiable look, etc. Bulldog with torch has been approved for use by both pastor and principal. New Bulldog will be incorporated as things need to be replaced (i.e. uniforms). Consolidating vendors as well...currently using Educational Outfitters, Kochs and MCCC Sportswear. Marc will serve as Booster liaison to spiritwear committee. We will also be using the interlocking SG for St. Gertrude. Looking at using a pawprint as an option for other tshirt designs, to give flexibility and variety. One way to make the pawprint unique is to add torch to pad of the paw. Colors will be limited as well (navy blue, heather grey, white)...hoping to have some flexibility in color options for fun, but need Father and Sister’s approval. Jeff Plate shared history of logo consolidation idea ...etc.

President – Dan Hartung had nothing new to report outside of new/old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Day of Service – the October 6th date has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Will look into rescheduling this for next year.

Website – was supposed to be live tonight or tomorrow night. Send Steve ideas on what you'd like to see included on the site.

NEW BUSINESS

Refund Policy – proposal for 2013-14 athletic year...add to handbook so we have guidelines moving forward. Football 75% refund before equipment is issued, 0% thereafter. All other sports 50% refund after first practice, 0% after first game. Motion made and approved to include this in next year's handbook. Board to approve final wording for handbook.

Scoreboard sponsorship – have four more scoreboard spots to fill. Ad boards do not have to be corporate, and do not need to be within the parish. Advertise in Bulldog Bulletin with new ideas for sponsorship.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Tkacz