

## St. Gertrude Athletic Boosters Meeting Monday December 17, 2012

In attendance: Dan Hartung, Rose Walsh, Marc Gerwel, Christina Tkacz, Steve Denison, Bob Volz, Kerry Vollmer, Maryann Logsdon, Bob Siebert, Greg Logsdon, Brian Redden, Brad Bursa, Judy Suddendorf, Gretchen Finniff, Andrew Tallarigo, Lesley & Tim Marsh, Heather Brizendine, Dawne Parrish, John Mulvaney

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

### **COORDINATOR REPORTS**

Girls Basketball – Bob Volz reported that he still needs the reports from basketball evaluations. Regarding uniform/equipment collection – still need one team’s uniforms, expect to get them this week.

Football – Brian Redden discussed the football merger. He gave a brief overview of the football merger committee’s meetings, research and findings based on the results of the Football Survey that generated responses from approximately 2/3 of the Football Families. Copies of the findings were circulated to all Board Members – 92% to 8% had good experience with the 2012 merger, 85% to 15% in favor for continuing – most of the concerns were raised as to practices at Seton’s field. Advantages to using that field (lights, striped field, free vs. \$2500 cost at DAV between donation and upkeep). Concerns surrounded location (traffic and distance). Consideration being given to adjusting practice times to make traveling easier for parents. In discussions with Seton, focus has been on keeping Bulldog “identity” and maximizing beneficial aspects of both programs. Numbers are such that some action must be taken in order to continue to field teams as league is considering 18 player minimum to allow team to play. Questions raised as to wisdom of having a separate football management “entity” with regard to how costs and revenue would be handled. Another football merger committee meeting will be held in January to discuss concerns brought to the table by both boards. Thoughts were shared about having an open forum with parents to share the proposal and listen to comments and concerns.

Girls Volleyball – The coordinators have addressed the six Indian Hill girls being on one team (per OHSAA rules). Two of the girls voluntarily left the program, one left reluctantly, and the last three girls remained on the team. The last girl to leave the team wished to remain involved, and is now assisting a younger team by managing balls and equipment.

Boys Basketball – Bob Siebert reported that boys basketball is three weeks into the season. He expressed concern with the condition of gym floor on game days after parish coffees. More discussion was held concerning evaluations, how to divide teams, etc. Some discussion was held around the ability of coordinators (under advisement of evaluators) to make a true C team (rather than 2 B teams) if the make-up of the players support it.

Track – Gretchen Finniff reported that the track coordinators and coaches met last week to review this season's planning. Currently, the track program has secured two coaches for 7/8, and tentatively one for K-2, and 3/4. Coordinators are looking for coaches for 5/6 and will be getting a notice out very soon. Track registration will open at the end of January.

Baseball/Softball – Coleen Glorius was not in attendance. Steve reported that baseball sign-ups are on the Booster website.

Cheerleading – Darla Wainscott was not in attendance. Marc will communicate with Darla with a deadline to send cheerleading surveys out.

Virtues - Andrew Tallarigo asked that all SportsLeader manuals not in use be returned to him as soon as possible. Motion made and approved to purchase additional SportsLeader lanyards.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Treasurer** – Steve Denison shared current profit/loss reports.

**Secretary** – Christina Tkacz reported that the November minutes were sent out for review and approval, and were submitted for publication on the Booster website.

**Vice Presidents** – Rose Walsh reported that she is collecting handbook signature pages and asked winter sports coordinators to submit them to her.

Marc Gerwel shared a draft of End of Season Sport Survey Procedures for Board review. Maryann suggested that it will be important to ask for coordinators input on coaches (for example, with regard to execution of SL program). Marc also shared the winter spirit wear order form, and will begin working on spring sport spirit-wear designs and items beginning part of January.

**President** – Dan Hartung had nothing new to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

John Mulvaney stated that the volleyball program is not providing our girls with the proper training and skill development from third grade all the way through eighth grade. Girls are not being prepared to play in high school. He further suggested that there are certain skills and guidelines that the coaches need to develop in order to allow the girls to be on a competitive team.

He also stated that the evaluation process is flawed and there is a great deal of mistrust surrounding the process at SGS (placing girls on teams). By way of example, he cited that it is hard if not impossible for any girl to move from a “C” level team one year to a “A” level team the next, especially at the junior high level.

John has offered to sit down with the coordinators to review the evaluation process and forms to see if the process can be improved. He has offered to consult high school coaches for their input and recommendations.

He further mentioned hosting a volleyball camp or offering some kind of skills training during the summer to help our girls.

Dawne Parrish – echoed the same concerns with the evaluation process in basketball, and had concerns about how the 7<sup>th</sup> grade players were distributed between teams.

Brad expressed concerns with courting high schools to come coach our teams. As evaluators is fine.

Brad asked winter sports coordinators to please notify all of their coaches about the following:

-The Parish Staff is requesting that children not be allowed to play on the stage/behind the stage during games, practices, and Parish Coffees. There is a lot of expensive and dangerous equipment back there. The Staff is increasingly concerned for both safety of the children *and* the integrity of the items behind the stage – some of which have recently been damaged.

Brad also reminded the winter sports coordinators to make sure their coach spreadsheets are up-to-date.

The next Booster meeting will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christina Tkacz*