

St. Gertrude Athletic Boosters Meeting Monday August 27, 2012

In attendance: Dan Hartung, Bob Volz, Christina Tkacz, Rose Walsh, Marc Gerwel, Andrew Tallarigo, Kerry Vollmer, Steve Denison, Greg Logsdon, Craig Coburn, Brian Redden, Shari Siebert, Heather Brizendine, Coleen Glorius, Judy Suddendorf, Father Andre Joseph, Sam Rayburn, Meredith DeBrunner

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

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Girls Basketball – Bob Volz reported that girls basketball is going well. All teams participated in the Jayne O’Neill Tournament. Practices have started and game schedules posted. All ref checks have been sent to coaches. Girls basketball Mass is scheduled for 9-9 at 9:30am. Bob expressed two concerns: a backboard needs to be fixed, and the limited # of keys we have for parish center, specifically concerns with coaches not being able to access the gym on weekends especially if the coordinator is unavailable.

Football – Brian Redden reported that the season is going well. Practices started July 26. Bandits are starting the season with 20 players, Pony with 24 players, Reserve with 25-26 players, 2 from St. Gertrude and Varsity with 30 players. Regarding the SASEAS affiliation – things have worked out fairly well. Consideration is being given to holding practices at Seton on Sat. mornings to take advantage of striped field. Have lights there as well which may be advantageous when days are shorter in late fall. Football Mass was held on 8-19 followed by the father-son jersey ceremony. Meet the Bulldog Night went well. About 280 in attendance. First games were held last weekend with a Pony loss, and Reserve/Varsity wins. Seton players will pay the SGS football fee. Sam Rayburn asked how Sat. practices would work with kids on multiple teams where one practice is at Seton and another at DAV. Brian reported that this is an ongoing discussion among coaches.

Girls Volleyball – Kerry Vollmer reported that tryout dates have been set for Nov. 12 and 13. May not need to do an eval night for 3rd grade due to small numbers. Volleyball will have the gym for Mon/Wed practices this year, opposite boys basketball Tues/Th practice schedule. Kerry asked about online registration for volleyball. Registrations due to CYO by 11-5, Kerry would like them out mid Sept. Steve Denison needs the registration form in order to work on getting it on the website. Kerry will send one to him. Volleyball is currently working on recruiting coaches.

Boys Basketball – Greg Logsdon reported that he and Bob Siebert will meet to finalize details of the upcoming season and report back at September meeting. Greg had the framed jersey for the Fiore family to share with the Board. Discussion was held on when to present.

Track – Judy Suddendorf asked about track banner for last year’s 8th grade team.

Baseball/Softball – Coleen Glorius reported that she has a call in to CYO about whether or not there will be a league this spring. Discussion was held about recruiting more strongly from CCD.

Cheerleading – Darla Wainscott was not in attendance. Heather Brizendine shared that 54 cheerleaders are participating in the program. Many compliments were received after Meet the Bulldog night and first football game.

Concessions – Concessions made \$2000+ at first football home game. Many thanks, as always, to Janet Dorger for managing. Jenny Kaes will be managing concessions for girls basketball.

Virtues - Andrew Tallarigo introduced himself as the new Virtues liason, taking Kristi DeCaprio's place. A Sept 4th virtues committee meeting will be held in the parish center to discuss last year and plans for this year. Still trying to get all fall coaches trained...a few outstanding. Sat. Sept. 8th at 10:30am is next virtue retraining session, location TBA.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Steve Denison reported that final Jayne O'Neill tournament numbers will be reported after a few outstanding bills are paid. Website: tried to connect with parish program Pledge Connect, but not effective. Going to another site for online payments and should have approval soon. On the main page of the Booster website, there should be links to each sport that coordinators can update as needed. May need to look at a tech savvy person to manage the website.

Secretary – Christina Tkacz had nothing to report.

Vice Presidents – Marc Gerwel is the representative on spiritwear committee...have not heard any negative feedback on updated bulldog (with torch). Would like to have Jeff Plate attend next meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Jayne O'Neill (JON) non-volunteer fee – very difficult to secure volunteers. Boosters may need to look at a "pay to opt-out" option. Discussion was held about logistics of doing this. Heather suggested that Boosters emphasize and communicate everything the tournament money funds so people really understand the importance of staffing this.

JON chairs will attend the Sept meeting to share thoughts and brainstorm.

Handbook – Dan thanked Rose Walsh and committee for their hard work on reviewing and revising the handbook. Rose highlighted a few of the changes for the Board. Rose suggested that the review process be started in April and completed by May due to varied summer vacation schedules etc.

Day of Service – Oct. 6th – Brad Bursa will come up with 8 to 10 choices for teams to select from for participation.

Football Merger Committee – Boosters to recruit people to join this committee to begin to look at the football program and begin to make long term decisions.

NEW BUSINESS

Shari Siebert – presented on the new Archdiocese Decree on Child Protection. All new volunteers will need to go through new training. Anyone on parish audit list is good until 2014 school year at which time all volunteers will need to be trained on new program. After training, a monthly email will be sent which volunteers must read and then answer questions. Volunteers must keep up with emails in order to keep up with training/maintain status. Fingerprints only required once.

Heather Brizendine – PTO wants to order 100 16oz insulated tumblers to sell in their spiritwear sales. The minimum order is 100. PTO feels confident they can sell 50, and asked if Boosters would purchase the other half (total of \$550) to sell at sports concessions. Motion made and approved (pending Heather B. taking over football concessions!)

The next Booster meeting will be held on September 17th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Tkacz